NOTES COLLECTED BY M. E. WHITE FOR PINE SPRINGS BOOK

BROWN FAMILY # I

This family traces back to a James Brown, Sr. who was born September 23, 1767 in North Carolina. At a young age of eleven years he enlisted in the Continental Army for three years on July 1, 1777. He fought in the Revolutionary War in Capt. Robert Fenner's Co, 2nd North Carolina Battalion, Commanded by Col. John Patten. His name appears on a Company Roll dated at Camp White Plains on Sept. 9, 1778.

On June 15, 1791, James Brown married Martha, the 16 year old daughter of John C. and Susan Gallman. Martha's birthday was January 5, 1775. James and Martha Brown had nine children, listed below.

James died May 15, 1821 at the age of 54 years. Martha lived to be 82 years old and died June 14, 1857. It is not known where they lived or died.

Children:

I. BARTLETT BROWN 1793- , m. Partheney Wilkinson, 1822. She was dau. of John Wilkinson.

II. WILLIAM BROWN 1797- m. Lucy Drak in 1824. She was dau. of Mauger and Martha Drak.

III. MARTHA BROWN 1801- , m. David Butler in 1819. He was son of Ephram and Judah Butler
Children: David d. 1852
1. Cyntha Ann Butler 1820
2. James B. Butler 1822-1823
3. Jesse H. Butler 1824
4. Ephram I. Butler 1827-
5. David B. Butler 1830-
6. Martha E. Butler 1832-
7. Christopher C. Butler 1836-1840, A little child.
8. Mary I. Butler 1834

IV. JAMES BROWN, JR. 1804- , m. Susan Alford AN ALFORD FAM. LIVED IN PINE SPRINGS 1836-

V. ELIZABETH BROWN 1807-1832, m. Levi Cloud, 1827
Children:
1. Aaron E. Cloud 1828-
2. Levi J. Cloud 1830-
3. William A. Cloud 1832-1832, 5 mo. old.

VI. SUSAN CATHERINE BROWN 1810- ,m. William Coats 1835. He d. 1852.
There was a William Coats that bought land near Pine Springs from the government in 1836. The land was in Sections 17 & 18, Township 7, Range 15E. It has not been checked to see if this was the same Coats.
Children: 1. James B. Coats 1836-

VII. DAVID MONTGOMERY BROWN 1812-1884, m. (1) Eliza A. Fort (2) Rebecca J. Richardson.
David came to Lauderdale County in 1835 and bought land of the government in what later became Center Hill Community. He also bought land for investment in Pine Springs. His story appears on following pages. He had 20 children.

VIII. ELUZIA BROWN 1815- , m. Isham C. Malone, 1834.

IX. BABY GIRL BROWN 1800-1800 , died, six mo. old

? FAM. from N.C. - he was B. in Georgia, says census records

DAVID MONTGOMERY BROWN

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David M. Brown left ~~North Carolina when he was a young man~~ in the early 1830's. He stopped in Georgia and stayed a while and then stopped again in Alabama. He drifted on over to Mississippi and crossed the state. He heard about the land that was available for $1.25 in Lauderdale Co. so he went back over to the new county and applied for a patent on some land in the northern part of the county. He also bought small plots here and there where it was available with the idea of selling or trading it later to turn a profit. He bought land in Section 3, Township 5, R15E in Pine Springs.

David then set about building a home. He used square hewn logs, weatherboarded on the outside and ceiled on the inside with 12 inch boards of heart pine. It was a substantial house and was meant to last a long time - which it did.

Now that he had a house and land, he needed a wife. He thought about a a girl that he had met along the way, back in Alabama. She was a charming and aristocratic Miss Eliza A. Fort, the daughter of William and Mary Fort.* He traveled back to Alabama, married the young lady, and brought her back to Mississippi. He made the trip in the winter time so he would be back home by spring to put in a cotton crop. They were married January 5, 1837.

Back home, David began to raise kids and cotton. He and Eliza had ten children before she died in April of 1858. He desperately needed another mother for his many children so in August of that same year he married Miss Rebecca J. Richardson, a neighbor's daughter. David and Rebecca also had ten children. M. 1858 Rebecca Brown Joined Fellowship Ch. Aug. 1865 @ 9 day meeting.

As the children became school ageed, David became concerned because there were no schools anywhere about. He and all his brothers and sisters had had good educations, and in wanted to do as well for his own children. Lauderdale County was sparcely settled at the time, but the men that did live there got together to discuss the possibility of starting some sort of school. They met under a large oak tree to talk things over.

It was dicided that they would have a school in a house that was already built on David Brown's place. It was a one-room log house with a large open fireplace and windows with wooden shutters. David consented to being the teacher, and the rate of tuition was set. They met again later and made hand-hewn logs into benches for the students.

The school was located about one-forth mile from Drip Off Springs, and the school was named Drip Off School. David M. Brown taught his sons and the sons of his neighbors in this school for many years.

Years later this school was moved to another private house, and still later into the Drip Off Baptist Church, which was very near these beautiful springs. This church and school had a new building built for this purpose. Drip Off School eventually became consolidated with Center Hill School in 1917.

By 1860 when the North and South went to war, David Brown was a wealthy man. He owned ~~many~~ 20 slaves to farm his plantation and he had made money on buying and selling real estate. He was considered a just man and many time his neighbors or friends would seek his advice in their difficulties. He was a friend to all - the poor and the rich alike. He was an educated man at a time when a good education was a scarce commodity.

David M. Brown died November 27, 1884 at the age of 72 years. He had lived a long and productive life. He had helped make Lauderdale County.

His children are listed on the following pages.

JAN. 1851 D.M. Brown to be deacon @ Fellowship Bapt. Ch.

APR. 1857 D.M. Brown Reported that obedience clay had not attended conference in a long time & that he was in the habit of Rolling on the Tenpen alley

Sept 1859 D.M.B. - Chosen as one of delegates to Asso.

May 1878 Case of D.M. Brown taken up - deferred until next meeting June 1878 (Church withdrew fellowship from D.M. Brown

Sept 1884 granted letter of dismission to David M. Brown

Rebecca Brown & David M. dismissed by letter (Hed. Nov. 27, 1884) Sept 1884 (went to live - her kids?)

Bought a gin head for $20 from _____ Estate in _____ (Gibbons @ P.S.?) look up!

* William & Mary Fort came from Alabama to Buy 120 land in Pine Springs in SE4 of Sec 9 on Oct 8 1840 (40 from Sam C. & Marion Hatcher, and 80 from William Prior)
William Fort died in 1846 and Mary, his Admin., Sold to John J. Kearly on Feb 24, 1847
Witness to her deed was David M. Brown & John Perry.

William Fort was Bro. of Eliza A. Fort Brown, D.M. Brown's first wife

1879-1932
Martin (MART) THOS. BROWN - SON of WM. B. "BUCK" BROWN
AND his 2ND wife, Sarah (Sally) HOUSE
MART's wife was ANNIE HAGGLETON.
HE WAS Killed IN A TORNADO in 1932 -

Children:

632-4863
TOOMSUBA
OLD WIRE Rd.

1. P. COLA 1904 - m. DAVID MARSHALL ROSS
2. NONIE - m. JAMES ROY Theed of Pine Springs
3. Ethel m. ODIS ALLEN of Whynot
4. BARNEY m. TINY Gilbert - (dau. of)
5. EDNA WAS 2ND wife of ___ Gilbert

WILLIAM (BUCK) BROWN

married Drusella Avara born in 1838 died 1865
second wife was Sarah Sally House born 1847
she was the daughter of **Marcus DeLafayette House**

This information was given in Jan 1986 by the last known grandchild of Marcus and Elizabeth House. She lives in Groesbeck, Limestone county, TX and is the daughter of Annie May the last sibling of Sarah Sally. She told stories that her grandmother has told about Sally and her husband. The only name she knew at the time was they called him Mississippi Brown. Because they did not know his first name and married in Mississippi they said he and Sally's father had a falling out and that is the reason they stayed in Mississippi when the rest of the House family moved to Texas.(Springfield, Limestone Co.) The stories were they never had any further contact with Sally after that.

Marquis(Marcus)House was born July 4 1825 in Tenn. he married Elizabeth Frances Terry about 1844. The first daughter was born in Tenn. and Sally in Ms. Marcus served in the 8th Ms Confederate Guard Co. out of Lauderdale Co. He came out as a Captain. The granddaughter is in her 90's but is still sharp and is jotting down memories in a journal, she told of a Uncle Henry and Uncle Jesse. They all scattered in different counties to obtain land along rivers upon their arrival to Texas. There seems to be many twins in the House family and Methodist ministers.

I have been told this line's name was once Houseman and they came from Holland. The "houseman" from the Royal house of Holland married a Daughter from the royal family and came to Americia. Living in Pa. Have been told arriving in Americia dropped the "man" from Houseman.

WILLIAM (BUCK) BROWN born in 1839 died 1901
DRUSILLA AVARA born in Aug 30 1848 died 1865
1. William S. Brown born 1860
2. Jefferson Davis Brown born 1862
3.Cullen O. Brown born 1864

William(Buck)Brown married Sallie House in 1866 died 1901
Sarah Sallie House born 1849
daughter of Marcus(Marquis)deLafayette House andElizabeth Frances(Terry)House- Lauderdale Co. Ms both buried Limestone Co. Tx
1- **Mary Elizabeth Brown)Molly**) dob/ 12/22/1866 dod 12/19/1936
married Elie Walker
Children
Spencer Walker
Lula Walker married Albert Lovett
Lea Walker married Claude White
Odessa Walker
2-David Marcus Brown(Gull) 1869
3-Maude B. Brown born May 23 1872 died Feb 15 1919 married
William"Will"Talbert born June 20, 1870 died Nov 13 1937
1-**Sadie Talbert** born 1892
2-**Sally ElmaTalbert**(Duck)Brown born 1894 (married John E. Brown born 1892
children are
Melba 1915 Married Ford Covington
Elaine 1917 (1-Homer Snowden 2-Wallace Merrill)
Robbie Sue 1918 (Durwood Merrill)
Helen Maude(Cecil Raniger)
Ruth (Julius Summers)
Sara Joyce Cook(Jack Cook)
Robert "Bobbie"Brown (1Ann Alford -2 Mary Blount)
3-Valzaz Talbert Bailey born 1899
married Leon Bailey
Her child Leon Bailey Jr.
Pure Bailey

4-Tristan"Trick" Talbert born 1902
married Edna
his children

married Vivian Troythena Ollhoft- born Dec 10,1909
Lauderdale Co
Children
George Wallace Richardson-born Feb 5,1945 Lauderdale
Co married
Garrie Ann Ross Richardson- born March 16,1946 ..

5MARTIN T. (mart) BROWN born 1879 **killed in tornado 1932**
Married Ann Haggleton born 1888
Children Nona(Thead) born 1907
Cola (Ross) born 1905
Sallie Ethell(Carr) born 1910
William B" Buddy" Brown born 1915 dod Jan 1980
Judy Edna born 1912

6-Walter Alex Brown born1882
married Maude Kinard born 1889
children
Preston Brown born 1909
Melba Brown born 1918
Lottie Mae Brown born 1919

7-ALBERT SYLVESTER(BERT) BROWN born Jan 3 1884 died Sept 25
1964 married Cora Love born May 7 1899 died Feb 7 1975
Children Essie Era born Sept 19 1906 died April 15, 1975
W.F.born Nov 20, 1907 died July 11 1989
Syble Annie born June 11,1911
Katherine Girtrude born May 7 1913
Dorothy May born Feb 7 1918

8- SILVESTER ALBERT (Bart)BROWN Feb 6 1886 died April 20 1981
lived in clarksdale Ms all his adult live, is buried at Oakridge Cemetery
Clarksdale Ms
Married (1) Betty Edwards
one son William(Buster) Brown dob/1914 dod/1983 Clarksdale Ms.
(2) Amy Steen Brown
adopted Donald Brown.

seven grandchildren

Martha Hodges
Gloria Hughes married Robert Hughes

5-Bartaw Talbert born 1905(Ruby Key)
His Child Sammy
6Gladys Talbert Covington born 1908(Terry Covington)
7-Kemmy Talbert born 1911

4Annie Brown born Nov 6,1876 died Nov 2.1929 buried Fellowship Cemetary.
Fellowship Baptist Church, Bailey Ms Lauderdale Co.
Married George Vester Richardson born Oct 7 1876 died Jan 24, 1942
Buried Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetary. Bailey Ms
Children:
Edward 1917
Sallie Estell Richardson born Aug 3,1897 died April 22 1949
buried in Gumlog Cemetary Bailey Ms married (James "Jeff" Jefferson Wilson)Born March 12 1891 died
Nov 29 1978 Buried in Gumlog Cemetary Bailey Ms
Georgia Wilson Snowden-born Jan. 27 1922 Lauderdale Co.
Kenneth Richardson Wilson-born June 25,1923 died March 29
1933 buried Gumlog Cemetary Bailey Ms
James"Whit" Wilfred Wilson-born Aug 14 1925 Lauderdale Co.
George Vester Wilson- born March 8, 1928 Lauderdale Co
Jessie Wall Richardson-born Oct 21 1900 Lauderdale Co. Died April 7,1971buried at Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetary.
married Willie Sue Harvey Richardson born July 6 1904 Lauderdale
Died March 2,1978 buried at Fellowship Church Cemetary Bailey Ms
Children are
Jesse Wall Richardson Jr. Born Sept 3,1921 Lauderdale Co. died April 2, 1971 buried at Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetary, Bailey Ms
married Alice( ) Richardson had one child
Cynthia Sue Richardson born in Victoria Texas
Louise born 1906
Jodie Mac Richardson born Jan 28 1904 Lauderdale Co. died Feb. 5, 1963 buried at Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetary Bailey Ms

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Lauderdale COUNTY, SS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That We, W B Brown & W F Alford are held and firmly bound unto the State of Mississippi in the penal sum of Two Hundred Dollars, for which payment, well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this the 21st day of Feby A. D., 1866

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That, whereas a marriage is shortly to be had between the above bound W B Brown and Miss S S House now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

W B Brown [SEAL.]

W F Alford [SEAL.]

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Lauderdale COUNTY.

BY THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT

To any Judge, Minister of the Gospel, or Justice of the Peace,

LAWFULLY AUTHORIZED TO CELEBRATE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY:

You are hereby authorized to celebrate the RITES OF MATRIMONY, between Mr W B Brown and Miss S S House and for so doing this shall be your warrant.

Given under my hand, and the seal of my office, this the 21st day of Feby One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six

W L Mayfield Clerk.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Lauderdale COUNTY:

By virtue of the above License, I have this day celebrated the Rites of Matrimony, between W B Brown and Miss S S House

Given under my hand, this the 22d day of February 1866

N G Joiner J.B.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Lauderdale COUNTY, SS.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That We, P H Simmons & J L Simmons are held and firmly bound unto the State of Mississippi in the penal sum of Two Hundred Dollars, for which payment, well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this the 27th day of Feby A. D., 1866

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That, whereas a marriage is shortly to be had between the above bound P H Simmons and Miss Sallie W Matthews now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

J. H. Simmons [SEAL.]

Jas. L. Simmons [SEAL.]

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Given under my hand, and the seal of my office, this the 27th day of Feby One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six

W L Mayfield Clerk.

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Lauderdale COUNTY:

By virtue of the above License, I have this day celebrated the Rites of Matrimony between P H Simmons and Miss Sallie W Matthews

Given under my hand, this the 8 day of March 1866

Thos G Armstrong M.G.

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(Confederate.)

B | 41 | Miss.

W B Brown

2 Sgt, { (New) Company C, 41 Reg't Mississippi Volunteers.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll*

of the organization named above,

Dated Oct 31, 1862

Feb 8, 1862

Marion Station

Capt J M Hicks

12 Mo

paid:

whom Lt J Kincannon

what time The 31 Apr, 1862

Present or absent Absent

Remarks: Absent wounded

[illegible] made in the M. S. Office, War Department, in [illegible] of an original record borrowed from the Director [illegible] Jackson, Miss.—M. S. [illegible]

[illegible]

(Confederate.)

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Marion Station

Capt J M Hicks

12 Mo

paid:

whom Lt Kincannon

what time Apr 30, 1862.

County: Paid, $ ____ 100; due, $ ____ 100

Present or absent Absent

Remarks: Wounded at Perryville Oct 8-62 sent to Hospital by Surgeon

[illegible]

Deaths

S. A. (Bert) Brown

The funeral of S. A. (Bert) Brown of Bailey is scheduled for 10 o'clock Monday morning in the Stephens Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Harold Harris and Elder W. T. Talbert conducting. The Rev. Harold O'Chester will assist in the service. Burial will follow in the Magnolia Cemetery.

Mr. Brown, 80, died Friday afternoon in the Anderson Infirmary.

A member of the Fellowship Baptist Church, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora Love Brown; three daughters, Mrs. Hinton McElhenney, Mrs. Frank Hill and Mrs. Dorothy Talbert of Meridian; one son, W. F. Brown, Meridian; six grandchildren; 11 great - grandchildren; and one brother, Bart Brown of Clarksdale.

Pallbearers will be Frank Love, G. D. Marcus, and Gerald Beddingfield, Preston Brown, Bart Talbert, Kenny Talbert and Tom Richardson.

Services Tuesday for Mr. Brown

Sylvester Albert Brown, who as a barber in Clarksdale for more than 50 years became one of the area's best known citizens, died Sunday morning at the Oak Grove Nursing Home in Duncan. He was 95.

Mr. Brown gave up his business as a barber in the Regency Building nine years ago after entering the business in the early 1920s.

He was born near Meridian and lived in Clarksdale for more than 80 years. His wife was the late Amy Steen Brown. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He leaves one son, Donald Brown of Pensacola, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at National Funeral Chapel with Dr. F. K. Horton officiating. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery.

National Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

CHILDREN OF DAVID MONTGOMERY BROWN

TEN CHILDREN BY EACH WIFE:

I. JAMES B. BROWN
Born: 1835, Lauderdale Co, Ms. Died: In Texas.
Married: Cynthia G. Stephens, Dec.6,1855.
Grew up and married in Lauderdale Co. Enlisted in Confederate Army, served several months until his health became impaired. He was released and moved his family to Texas, remained there the rest of his life.
Children: ~~Unknown~~

II. WILLIAM B. "BUCK" BROWN
Born: 1840, Lauderdale Co, Ms. Died:
Married: Drusilla Avara, Aug.30,1858, Lauderdale Co.
Buck served un the CSA in Co. C, 41 Miss. Regiment, where he was promoted to Captain and won many honors for valor. He was wounded several times, one wound was in the head which gave him trouble the rest of his life. He died from this wound many years later. Raised a family in Lauderdale County.
Children:(8)
1. WILLIAM S. BROWN 1860-
2. JEFFERSON DAVIS BROWN 1862-
3. CULLEN O. BROWN 1864-
4. MARY F. BROWN 1867-
5. DAVID M. BROWN 1869-
6. MAUDE B. BROWN 1873-
7. ANNIE E. BROWN 1877-
8. MARTIN T. BROWN 1879-

III. INFANT DAUGAHTER 1841-1841

IV. OLIVER G. BROWN
Born: 1842, Lauderdale Co. Died: 1919 (Kemper Co,Ms.)
Married: (1)Miss Sinai M. Brown, Jan.23,1861,Laud. Co. She was dau. of Capt. John Brown and Eliza (Davidson) Brown, of Gumlog Church. (From Brown Fam. #2, no relation) (2)E.H.King,Feb.29,1864. She was dau of David R.P. & Eliz.King.
Oliver served in the CSA in Co. K, 13 Miss. Reg., Barksdale Brigade. He fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. While he was off at war his daughter, Avarilla, was born and his wife died. When he came home, Sinai's parents were so fond of the little girl that they begged to keep her. Oliver consented and he married again and moved to Kemper County, where he died in 1919.
Children: (May have had more in Kemper Co.)
1. AVARILLA VICTORIA BROWN 1862, m. Lewis Lenton Covington, had 10 children. (She is listed under Brown fam. #2.)

V. JOHN A. BROWN
Born: 1845, Lauderdale Co. Died: 1917, Lauderdale Co.
Married: "Eliza"Ann White, May 5,1865, Laud.Co. She was dau of James Wesley and Elizabeth Emily (Pierce) White who lived near Mt. Carmel Church.
John served 2 yrs. in the CSA in Co. C, 41 Miss. Regiment. He was wounded and was in a hospital in Greenville, NC when the war ended. He came home and married after the war. He lived on a farm near his wife's parents (Obediah).
Children:
1. LIDIA BROWN 1866, m. Tom Williamson
2. JEFFERSON BROWN 1862, m. Fanny Williamson
3. HUBERT CLELLY BROWN 1864, m. Beulah C. Pace, dau. of ~~Alonzo~~ Carrol & Pinkie Pace.
4. PEARL BROWN 18__, m. Martin Pace, bro of Beulah.
5. BERT BROWN 18__, m. _____Brannon
6. WILLIE (William?) BROWN 18__, m. (?)

DAVID E. BROWN 1847 - 1909
m. Eliza Francis Davidson

Kids

1. MARY JANE (JANIE) m. Dillard Whitney

2. ALONZO R. BROWN — m. IN NESHOBA Co. — buried there

3. "JACK", M.D. AND JACKSON m. ____ TERRY from near Francis Grove
LIVED @ ____ Springs

4. Mollie m. D. D. Pace, SON IS AUBREY Pace

5. JOHN D. - 1878 m. MARCELLA WILLIAMSON
SON, Walter WELDON (B. 1902) m. LUNA KINARD, Feb 20, 1921
@ Home of Eugene Stephens
Built present home in 1925

6. NANNIE m. Tom Gilbert
HAD 2 SONS THAT MADE METH. PREACHERS

7. ANDREW WESLEY - 1876 m. ANNA ROSE PRATT

VI. DAVID E. BROWN
Born: 1847, Lauderdale Co. Died: 1909, Lauderdale Co.
Married: Eliza Francis Davidson, Nov.1,1867, Laud. Co. Eliza was reared by her step-father, Bennet Rose Pace of Pine Springs (See Pace fam. history.)
David enlisted in the CSA and fought in Co. H, Grace's Battalion, under Capt. John Cochran, Gen. Patton, commanding, in 1864, served six months. They made their home in Lauderdale Co.
Children:
1. JACK ALONZO BROWN, MD 1873-
2. MARY JANE "MOLLIE" BROWN 1874, m. D. D. Pace
3. ANDREW WESLEY BROWN 1876, m. Anna Rose Pratt, 1905, dau of Joseph A. Pratt, (qv)
4. JOHN D. BROWN 1878, m. Marcella Williamson

VII. CALVIN JONES BROWN
Born: Sept.13,1850, Laud.Co. Died: Sept.22,1910. bur Fellowship Church.
Married: Martha Jane Carpenter, 187_, dau of Hilliard and Esther Emmeline (Stephens) Carpenter of Laud. Co.
They stayed in Lauderdale Co. and raised a family. She d. 1916.
Children:
1. WILLIAM P. BROWN 1873-
2. MARY ANNA BROWN 1876-
3. HILLIARD BROWN 1879-

VIII. JEFFERSON DAVIS BROWN
Born: Mar.16,1852, Laud. Co. Died: Dec.18,1929, bur Fellowship Church
Married: Charlotte Averline "Avie" Pruitt, Dec.31,1871, Laud.Co. She was dau of Thomas Milford and Naomi E. (Windham) Pruitt of Lauderdale Co.
Jeff and Avie first lived near Center Hill, but in 1903 they bought 40 acres from their son-in-law, Jared Snowden of Pine Springs (qv). It was the NE ¼ of the SE quarter of Section 33, Township 8, Range 15E. They lived there until they sold out to Jesse Bounds in ~~1913~~. Jan 4, 1912.
Children:
1. VENNIE V. BROWN 1873-1910, m. Timothy Jared Snowden 1890, Laud.Co, son of Thos. V. and Nancy Jane Snowden of Center Hill -Shucktown area. (Children listed under Snowden family, (qv).
2. B. FRANK BROWN 18__, m. (1) Fannie Curtis (2) Pearl Powell, 1909, lived near Fellowship Church.
3. ~~DAVID~~ JESSE BROWN 1872, m. ~~Irene Pace~~ - 1944, m. NANCY M. _____ (1879-1920)
4. WILLIAM LUTHER "WILLIE" BROWN 1878-1951, m. Nellie Barnett, a sister of Miss. Gov. Ross Barnett. No children.
5. MYRTIE LOVENIA BROWN 1890-1970, m. William Henry "Will" Vincent, son of Issac Henry "Ike" and Cornelia Alma (Jolly) Vincent of Laud. Co. (qv). Myrtie and Will Vincent were living in Jones Co, Ms. when they died but were ret. to Laud. Co. where they were bur. in Magnolia Cem. Three child.
6. JAMES "JIMMY" BROWN 1893, m. _____ PACE, sister of Irene, ~~Jesse's~~ DAVID'S wife.
7. OSSIE BROWN 1895, m. Myrtle George
8. DAVID 1876 m. IRENE PACE

IX. ALBERT GALLATIN BROWN
Born: Oct.7,1853, Lauderdale Co, Ms. ied: Aug.21,1938, bur. Fellowship Ch.
Married: Susan Telitha McDonald, Nov.6,1873. She was dau. of John and Jane (Vaughn) McDonald who lived near Pine Springs, toward Bailey.
Albert bought land in the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 7, Range 15E in the 1890's and moved to the "edge" of Pine Springs. Albert had a house almost in the corner of the Philadelphia (or Decatur) road (now

Hwy.495) and the turnoff road that went to Pine Springs. His farm joined the Pace farm on the west side. Albert and Susie were farmers and were members of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Children:

Sept 1895 Daisie + Lum among group who joined fellowship in a day meeting

1. DAISIE A. BROWN 1874-1952, m. Chris.Columbus "Lum" Cunningham, IN 1890, son of Robert and Mary Cunningham. Lived near Center Hill.
   Children:
   A. Berta Cunningham, 1891
   B. Henry Grady Cunningham 1893
   C. Larcena Telitha Cunningham 1894
   D. Susan Mathiel Cunningham 1896
   E. Elsie G. Cunnigham 1898 - 1919
   E. E. Lucile Cunningham 1900
   G. Ruby C. Cunningham 1902
   H. Roy C. Cunningham 1904-1933
   I. E. Inez Cunningham 1907
   J. Audrey M. Cunningham 1910
   K. Theron W. Cunningham 1912
   L. Durwood W. Cunningham 1914
2. FLORENCE AUGUSTA BROWN 1876-1949, m. (1)Andrew Mott, 1894, son of Randall Mott of Neshoba Co. (2)William L. Snowden, 1901
   Children: (One from each marriage.)
   A. Andrew Mott, Jr. 1896-
   B. Barney Leroy Snowden 1904
3. EDITH TRUMAN BROWN 1877-18__, died young.
4. LILLIE Z. BROWN 1879-1920, m. Henry Gus. Etheridge, 1903. He was son of ~~Mark~~ MARQUIS and Virginia E.R. (White) Ethridge. This Marquis Etheridge died in Civil War, Virg. The married Jimmy Wright, moved to Pine Springs
   Children:
   A. Clarice Ethridge 1907-
   B. Mark Leicester Ethridge 1908-
   C. Susan Virginia Ethridge 1909-
   D. Mable Ivaughn Ethridge 1915-
   E. Claudie G. Ethridge 1916
   F. Billie E. Ethridge 1920
   G. Eunice Evelyn Ethridge, 1913-1914, 1 yr.
5. RUFUS ALEXANDER BROWN 1880-1934, m. Ora Branning, 1906. She was dau of William R. and Amanda Branning. Rufus and his brother Clyde Brown and two of their sons got into a scrap with Joe Smith (qv), in which Smith was killed. They stood trial for murder but were acquitted. Rufe died 8 yrs. later.
   Children:
   A. Rufus Dewroth Brown 1908- , m. Fairy Hughes (he was her 3rd husband)
   B. Reon Brown 1909, was arrested with his father and acquitted. Moved to Texas but later returned to live at Bailey in Lauderdale Co.
   C. Oliver Brown 1912, m. Laura Mae Cunningham. Called "Blind Brown", he was hit in face with buckshot when he was a young man.
6. BERNICE MAE BROWN 1882-19__, m. George W. Miles, 1902, son of Doss Miles of Tullos, La. They lived in Louisiana.
   Children:
   A. Quincy Terry Miles 1903-
   B. Albert Odell Miles 1905-1933
   C. Ola May Miles 1907-
   D. Thelma Ernestine Miles 1909-
   E. Delwood Frayne Miles 1911-
   F. Lila Urline Miles 1912-1914
7. CLYDE VERNON BROWN 1884- , m. Loza Franklin, 1909. She was dau of Dr. W.D.Franklin, an old country doctor that was from Walnut Grove, Miss. Clyde bought the Brown farm after his father died and built a house on the place. Later he sold the farm to his brother Clarence, and moved to Collinsville where he opened a store on Hwy. 19N. Clyde was arrested for killing Joe Smith along with his brother Rufe and his son, Vernon. All acquited.
   Children:
   A. William Vernon Brown 1910-
   B. Albert Monroe Brown 1913-
   C. Stennis P. Brown 1916-
   D. Ila Elizabeth Brown 1918-
   E. Otis Eugene Brown, 1920-
   F. Charles Arnold Brown 1922-

Eugene and Arnold both had stores on Hwy.19N in Collinsville.

8. MARYANN HASSELTINE BROWN 1886-19__, m. Paul Gordon Gathright,1908. He was son of Capt. A.P.Gathright.
   Children:
   A. Albert Gordon Gathright 1909-
   B. Richard Eugene Gathright 1911-
   C. Richard Eugene Gathright 1815-
9. CLARANCE IRA BROWN 1888-1974, m. Leona Williams,1909. She was dau of Payton Williams. It is not known where they lived when they first married, but around the time of World War I Clarance bought the Brown farm from his brother Clyde and they moved into the house that Clyde had built on the place. Clarance was a good farmer and they raised their family there. The Brown children never did go to Pine Springs school, but rode, first, a wagon to Center Hill School, then later a school bus. The roads were not paved back then and in the wet winter months often they would all have to get out and help push the school wagon up the muddy hill at Tom Richardson's on the way to school.Their church membership was at Fellowship Baptist, so although they lived near Pine Springs, they didn't really have a lot of contact with the 'local' folks except at some social functions and upon special occasions. They were good neighbors.
   Children:
   A. Lee Roy Brown 1910-1913, Three years old.
   B. Dennis Odell Brown 1913-1914, One year old.
   C. Howard Peyton Brown 1916-198_, m. Maxine Summerall of Suqualena.
   D. Zoia Lee Brown 1918- m. Henry Gray (div.) Now living on old Brown farm.
   E. Ruth Virginia Brown 1921-1972, m. J.P.Smith
   F. A.G.Brown 1923, m. Elizabeth Winkham of Oakland,Cal. Now lives in Cal.
   G. Clarence I. "Buddy John" Brown,Jr. 1925-1973, Did not marry.
10. CLAUDIA ESTELLE BROWN 1890-19__, m. W.D.Semmes,1913, Natchez,Ms. He was son of Nate Semmes. W.D. d. in 1936.
   Children:
   A. William Semmes 1914-1920,Child.
   B. Natie Semmes 1916-
   C. Robert Semmes 1920-
   D. Roger Semmes 1920-
   E. Jodie Semmes 1923-
11. LILIA L. BROWN 1892-19__, m. Guy D. Branning,1919. He was son of William R. and Amanda Branning.
   Children: Unknown.
12. JULIUS J. BROWN 1894-1919, Did not marry.

X. GEORGE GLENN BROWN 1855-1855, Died an infant.

XI. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BROWN
Born: 1859,Lauderdale Co. Died:
Married:

Children: Unknown.

XII. MARY ALICE BROWN
Born: 1860,Lauderdale Co. Died:
Married:

Children: Unknown.

XIII. LAURA LUVENIA BROWN
Born: 1862, Lauderdale Co. Died:
Married: (?)
Children: Unknown.

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VETERANS NAME D E Brown	AGE	DATE OF APPLICATION 7/1/1916	DATE OF PENSION	DATE OF DEATH 8/22/1919

SPOUSE"S NAME: E.F. Brown AGE: 67 MARRIAGE DATE: 1867 DATE OF PENSION:

ADDRESS: Vimville, Ms. OCCUPATION:

ENLISTED: 1864 WHERE? Miss - Laud Co REGIMENT: H. Grace's Battallion

DISCHARGED: Close of War WHERE? Meridian, Ms.

OFFICERS: John Cochran

WITNESSES: Geo. F. Hand, D.C., H.R. Denton, D.D. Pace, B.V. White, G.C. Lyle, G.H. Downer, H.H. Banes, H.R. Pistole

~~CERTIFIED~~: Widow lives with her son, D. H. Brown - He 4 sons three daughters but states that they all have families of their own

MISC.:

Allowed 9/6/16

XIV. ROBERT LEE BROWN
Born: 1863,Lauderdale Co. Died:
Married: (?)
Children:

XV. WALTER SCOTT BROWN
Born: 1865, Lauderdale Co,Ms. Died:
Married: Mrs. Fostina "Tina" (Phillips) Wright, 1894. She was dau of James and Martha C. (Tinsley) Phillips of Moscow, Kemper Co. She had been married to William Wright, son of "Uncle Jimmy" (James Berrygrove) and Mary Jane Wright who came to Pine Springs to live in 1898. Her first husband had been shot on their wedding night in 1891 and she had started teaching school. They lived in Center Hill Community.
Children:
A. Lester Orien Brown
B. Celeste Brown
C. Otho Brown

XVI. OSCAR LAVELLE BROWN
Born: 1869, Laud. Died:
Married: Mattie M. McDonald, 1889, dau. of W.C. and Mary (Gallespie) McDonald. They moved to Texas to live.
Children: Unknown.

XVII. VICTOR EUGENE BROWN
Born: 1872,Lauderdale Co. Died:
Married: Addie Pool, 1902, lived in Perry Co, Ms., not far from Hattiesburg.
Children: Unknown.

XVIII. IDA L. BROWN
Born: 1874, Lauderdale Co. Died: A young child.

IXX. MINNIE LEE BROWN
Born: Mar.20,1876,Lauderdale Co. Died: Jan.29,1951,bur Fellowship Church.
Married: Robert Lee Miles, 1895. HE was son of Jasper & Mary Ann (McDonald) Miles. They lived in Center Hill Community .
Children:

XX. REDMAN BROWN
Born: 1878, Lauderdale Co. Died:
Married:

Children:

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VETERANS NAME: Brown, Francis Marion AGE ~~60~~

DATE OF APPLICATION: 9-6-1920

DATE OF PENSION: ~~9-20-1920~~ Marion Station, Miss.

DATE OF DEATH: 5-24-1904

SPOUSE'S NAME: Ella J. Brown AGE: 60

MARRIAGE DATE: 9-15-1882

DATE OF PENSION: 9-20-1920

ADDRESS:

OCCUPATION:

ENLISTED: Spring of 1863 WHERE? Lauderdale Co. Miss. REGIMENT: Co. C. 2nd Miss. Cavalry.

DISCHARGED: Till Close of War May-1865. WHERE? Gainesville, Ala.

OFFICERS: Capt. W.H. ~~Rogers~~ Rodgers

WITNESSES: — W.T. Carlisle.

CERTIFIED: Geo. F. Hand, Chanc. Clk. B.V. White, Pres of Board, A.C. Lyle, W.R. Denton, J.T. Anderson, Mbrs of Board.

MISC.: Own No Property — lives with Sons. 1-6 sons. 1 daughter —

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1926

JAIL TWO MORE MEN IN CASE

Roof and Reon Brown With Clyde and Vernon Brown Face Charges of Murder in Connection With Death of Joe Smith

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The affidavits were sworn out in the court of Justice W. D. Roberts and turned over to Constable Wilson Shannon for service.

Plans for the trial of the four accused men have not been made.

Arrests Follow Investigation

The arrest of Clyde and Vernon Brown was followed by the jailing of the other two Browns when District Attorney Martin Miller and County Attorney Casper Phillips made an investigation of the death of Mr. Smith.

Details of the developments in the case that prompted the arrest of the latter pair, were not disclosed by the two officials.

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The killing of Smith is the second in Lauderdale county within the last 48 hours, and there is much talk of the advisability of calling a special grand jury to investigate the two affairs and give the accused a quick trial in the courts.

DIES WHILE DRIVING AUTO

Philadelphia, Miss., Dec. 7.—A. C. Burt, one of Neshoba county's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died suddenly at the steering wheel of his automobile as he drove home from Philadelphia where he had spent a part of the day shopping. He had apparently been in the best spirits as he greeted his friends about town. While driving home, about two and a half miles from town another occupant of his car noticed that he was unable to turn aside on meeting another car. This occupant seized the wheel and turned the car from the road and Mr. Burt expired immediately. Apoplexy is believed to have been the cause of his death.

Mr. Burt had been one of the stalwart and leading citizens of his section of the county for many years, standing for all that was best in his community. He is survived by several children and grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends in this section.

"KIDNAPPED" DRY OFFICERS ARE SAFE

Crew In Charge of Arsene J. Takes Pair to Mexican Port When Customs Officials Take Over Rum Vessels.

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—(AP)—J. B. Matthews, assistant prohibition administrator of the Gulf zone and Petty Officer Handley of the coast guard prepared Tuesday to return to New Orleans from Puerto, Mexico, and tell of their experiences aboard the French schooner, Arsene J., the disappearance of which a week ago caused a widespread search.

Local prohibition officials were notified by Matthews in a cablegram received Monday night that the Arsene J had arrived in the small Mexico port. He reported that a customs officer had the liquor laden craft in custody. He added that the crew had taken a course different from the one intended by Matthews. This was the had caused many co-workers of Matthews and Handley to believe that the pair had been killed by the rum runners.

Weight was added to that theory by the fact that Frank Wood, West Indian, master of the Arsene J has a reputation of being a desperate character.

FREE BRANDON OF CHARGE IN WHISKEY CASE

COOLIDGE ASKS FOR TAX RELIEF

President, In Message to Congress, Also Urges Sound Solution of Farm Marketing Problem. Dodges World Court.

FAVORS DEVELOPMENT OF SHOALS

Washington, December 7—(AP)—Some form of temporary tax relief, and "a sound solution," if possible, of the farm marketing problem were urged by President Coolidge to-day in his annual message to Congress.

He left the specific methods to the legislators themselves, stipulating only that a prospective $383,000,000 treasury surplus should not be regarded as warranting a permanent tax revision, and that in approaching the farm relief problem congress should shun anything savoring of price-fixing.

Wants Philippines Changed

The president also suggested that steps should be taken "at an early day" to transfer the Philippines from the military to the civil branch of the Government; proposed that something be done to end the "great inconvenience and expense" caused by lowering the level of the Great Lakes; renewed his stand for the protective tariff and for complete observance of prohibition; again pledged his administration to economy; and laid down a long list of other suggestions, although conceding that in the short session no extensive program of general legislation would be possible.

Avoids World Court

The message contained no mention of the World Court, a subject which he said in his Kansas City speech he would not again submit to the Senate. Nor was there any direct reference to Mexico.

His suggestions on the questions included:

Broadening and strengthening of the Federal agricultural agencies.

Revision of the livestock grazing regulations.

Continuation of reclamation developments.

Development of Muscle Shoals with cheaper fertilizer in view.

Development of the Mississippi and Colorado rivers, and of rivers and harbors generally.

A Great Leakes-to-the-sea canal along a route yet to be chosen.

Railroad consolidation; and simplification of the process of valuing railroad properties.

Coal control legislation.

Pleads for Preparedness.

Adequate military and naval preparedness.

Support of the Geneva preliminary conference and other movements for the reduction of competitive armaments.

Enactment of such prohibition enforcement legislation as the treasury may recommend.

Branch banking legislation.

Renewal of the charters of banks in the Federal Reserve System.

Radio control under the Department of Commerce.

Adequate care of disabled veterans, but no extension of the pension system.

Return of alien property.

"Fair Salaries" for federal judges.

One-man control of the government merchant fleet.

Anti-lynching legislation.

Favors Apply Surplus.

In the face of the estimated treasury surplus, the Chief Executive said there was "no reason why a balanced portion of surplus revenue should not be applied to a reduction of taxation," but he contended that any permanent reduction would not be warranted at this time with the government conducting a going business of nearly $4,000,000,000 annually.

"Meantime," he added, "it is pos-

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BOARD LOSES IN ROAD CASE

Chancellor Decrees That No Money in $400,000 Bond Issue Can Be Used In Routing Highway Via Shucktown, Center Hill, Gum Log

SUPERVISORS TO DECIDE UPON ACTION

Chancellor George C. Tann has rendered a decree granting the plea of a committee of citizens residing along the old Meridian and Louisville road that no money in the $400,000 bond issue voted by the county January 6, 1925 shall be used by the county supervisors in constructing a road via Gum Log church, Center Hill and Shucktown as contended by the board.

Board to Decide Later

President R. L. Brown of the supervisors stated Wednesday afternoon that the board has not decided what action it will take in regard to building the Meridian-Louisville road in this section but that it will reach a decision either Wednesday afternoon late or sometime Thursday.

The board had insisted that the highway in question was to be routed to a connection with the Louisville road at the Kemper county line, without reference to any particular direction from the disputed point. The plaintiffs insisted that the road be constructed along the route as specified in the $400,000 bond issue.

Closes Hard Fight

The decision of the chancellor ends a hard fight that has extended over a long period. When the intentions of the supervisors were first learned, the citizens in the suit asked for a writ of manadamus compelling the board to follow the old Meridian-Louisville road in constructing the highway. This was granted and an appeal to the supreme court, the writ was dismissed, resulting in the above suit being filed.

The chancellor's decree is as follows:

Decree Is Rendered

This cause coming on to be heard by agreement of the parties on the 6th day of December, 1926, and continuing from day to day to this day, on Original Bill, process, preliminary injunction and proof and answer of the defendants and motion to dissolve and the Court having heard and considered said cause on the merits and having been fully advised in the premises and being of opinion that the Complainants, G. F. Wilson, J. J. Wilson and Bennie Rogers and the other Complainants are entitled to the relief prayed for in said Bill and that a perpetual injunction should be made and entered, and having full jurisdiction of the parties and subject matter, and on the 12th day of July, 1926, a preliminary or temporary injunction having been issued out of this court against the defendant and on final

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COL. MOUDY FEELS WET ATTACKS ENDANGERING CONSTITUTION

Miss Brown, Vice President of Flying Squadron Foundation, Speaks at Central Church Wednesday Afternoon and Dr. Stewart In Evening.

WANTS PRISON TERM FOR DRY VIOLATIONS

"If state laws are to be amended "The Association Opposed to the

OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY IS ENCOURAGING

Amory Meeting Adopts Regulations for New Field.

HEAR MANY TALKS

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The city was filled to overflowing with visitors from many sections of Mississippi and from neighboring states. Many who left for nearby towns to seek beds Tuesday night returned Wednesday for the final day of the meeting.

Regulations Adopted

Believing that oil will be found in paying quantities in Mississippi at an early date, the conference Tuesday followed up its discussion of industrialization and reforestation with the adoption of preliminary regulations for the control of the oil and gas industry and a proposed bill to be presented to the legislature.

A commissioner of conservation would be created under the proposed bill with "power to promulgate rules and regulations to further conserve crude oil and natural gas and regulate the production thereof." It would further provide for agents to enforce the conservation laws and would repeal all laws in conflict. Gas companies, drillers, pipe line concerns or individuals drilling or producing crude oil would further be compelled to use every precaution to prevent waste of oil and gas.

PLEASED WITH THIS PLACE

I. H. Marx Comes Here for First Time In Forty Years.

FINDS BAD ROAD

JAIL TWO MORE MEN IN CASE

Roof and Reon Brown With Clyde and Vernon Brown Face Charges of Murder in Connection With Death of Joe Smith

MAKE CHARGES AGAINST NEGROES ALSO

Roof and Reon Brown, father and son, have been placed in the county jail on charges of murder and similar charges have been placed against Clyde Brown and his son, Vernon, already occupying a cell in connection with the killing of Joe Smith, in their community six miles north of Meridian on the Meridian and Louisville highway Monday evening. All have resided in that section for a long time.

The affidavits were sworn out in the court of Justice W. D. Roberts and turned over to Constable W... Shannon for service.

Plans for the trial of the four accused men have not been made.

Arrests Follow Investigation

The arrest of Clyde and Vernon Brown was followed by the jailing of the other two Browns when District Attorney Martin Miller and County Attorney Casper Phillips made an investigation of the death of Mr. Smith.

Details of the developments in the case that prompted the arrest of the latter pair, were not disclosed by the two officials.

Charges of murder have also been made against Marion Walters and Eugene Huggins, negroes, suspected of being involved in the murder of James J. McCarty, merchant, on the Quitman road just outside of the city Saturday evening. Both negroes admitted to officers, they say, that they were involved in the robbery but accuse each other of firing the shot that carried Mr. McCarty into eternity.

Likewise, arrangements for their trials have not been made.

Get Breathing Spell

Meridian officers are beginning to get a breathing spell after the light, short-lived crime wave that struck Meridian during the week-end when the lives of two white men were taken and a number of Meridian homes was broken into. Coming at a time when Meridian had been observing its usual quiet, only experiencing a few minor cases with nothing out of the ordinary, this city and section received a severe jolt that has required several days to overcome.

EX-TREASURER HAS SHORTAGE

Southern Baptists Lose $92,000 During His Office Term.

MAKE PART GOOD

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8.—(AP)—George N. Sanders of Richmond, until recently treasurer of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention, has admitted a shortage which Dr. George W. McDaniel, president of the convention estimates at $92,000.

Dr. McDaniel, in announcing that accountants had disclosed the shortage, said Sanders had tendered his resignation to the finance board and offered to make restitution to the limit of his resources.

The money represents the present indebtedness of the board, Dr. McDaniel said, and does not involve the convention in an additional loss. Sanders, who worked on a salary as an employe of the board, was bonded in the amount of $25,000 with a surety company.

Make $55,000 of Shortage

"Approximately $55,000 of the short-

NATION HAS ITS POCKETS BRIMMING

	File	Case
TOBE BROWN	43	1956
Abraham Byrd -	91	1749
	93	1750
Clyde Brown	94	1737
RUFUS, REON, Brown etal	346 -	3003
Clyde, R. R. and V.	342 -	3039
	421 -	3039
Tom DUKE	29 -	1574
W.D. HAWKINS	20	1270
~~George Lock~~		
LEE Ratcliff -	3 -	105
HARVEY TOWNSEND	17.	1953
John Thead	935 -	1747
	310 -	2443
	310 -	2434

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Walter Scott 9 Mar 1865 #33 - DIED NOV 16 1939 Fellowship Church
Oscar Levelle 20 Aug 1866 #34 ← TINA (Phillips) DEC 13 1870
Victor Eugene 1 Mar 1872 #35 ↑ MARRIED. BROWN OCT 29 1941
Ida L. 10 May 1874 #36
Minnie Lee 20 Mar 1876 #37
Redman 6 Apr 1876 #38

* JAMES BURWELL BROWN #5
born 2 Oct 1837
died 7 Dec 1908
married Cyntha S. Stephens 6 Dec 1855 #8 PG 150 Book A1
born 3 Mar 1839
died 25 ~~Sept~~ DEC 1876
her father was CHARLES STEPHENS
Children of this union
#39 David Elijah born 29 Oct 1857; died same date
#40 Burwell James born 4 Aug 1859
#41 John Rufus born 22 May 1861; died 9 Dec 1925
#42 William Oliver born 22 May 1863
#43 Albartus Jay born 15 Aug 1864; died 28 Mar 1887
#44 Nancy Narcissa born 28 Jan 1866; died 21 Nov 1937
#45 Felix Hilliard born 9 Feb 1868
#46 Susan Absolom born 24 Dec 1869; died 4 Mar 1911
#47 Iva Lee born 29 Aug 1871; died 22 Feb 1934
← #6 Mary Alice born 6 Mar 1874 #273 DIED FEB 21 1937
#49 Henry Isham born 25 Dec 1876
James Burwell Brown married his second wife
#50 Malinda E. Boyd 14 Jan 1878
born 22 May 1856
died 14 Dec 1939
Children
#51 Marion Montgomery 25 Sept 1878
#52 Laura Avarilla 3 Mar 1880
#53 Albert Russell 23 Feb 1882
#54 Ladocia Jane 18 Apr 1886
#55 Fannie Ann 2 Jan 1889

JOHN RUFUS BROWN
born 22 May 1861
died 9 Dec 1925
buried in Past Cemetery, Past, Texas in lot #432; grave site #8
married SARAH ELIZABETH LACY
born 9 Oct 1867
died 6 June 1891
Children born to this union
William Franklin 17 Aug 1883
Lucy Ivey 7 Sept 1885
Nezzie Leola 30 July 1887
Jay Albartus 29 Jan 1889
John Rufus born 7 May 1891; died 17 July 1891
John Rufus Brown married his second wife,

Brown

THE WILLIAM FRANKLIN BROWN FAMILY

Miss

In 1913, my father, WILLIAM FRANKLIN BROWN, came into the Sand Flat community to be the Principal of the Chrestman School. He took board and room with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stewart and it was she who arranged for ADA FRANCES BURGES, daughter of James Henry Burges and Sarah Franzina Rudd, to have Sunday dinner with them the first week of school to meet the eligible widower. They were married 19 April 1914 at her father's home some two miles west of Sand Flat. I was born 22 December 1915 on a fifty acre farm Dad and Mother had bought in 1915 about one mile northeast of Sand Flat on the Canton - Quitman Road.

My father descended from several fine old Southern families from Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia. The Browns of record begin with the birth of James Brown 23 September 1767; died 15 May 1821; married 15 June 1791, Martha Gallman, born 5 January 1775; died 14 June 1857; daughter of John C., died 1 March 1829; and Susan Gallman, died 10 June 1832. Their son, David Montgomery Brown, born in Georgia 6 November 1812, died 27 November 1884; married 5 January 1837, Eliza Ann Fort, born in Alabama 12 October 1820; died Meridian, Mississippi 27 April 1858; daughter of Burwell Jackson Fort, born 28 December 1797; died 3 November 1836; and Nancy Northington, died circa 1821. David Montgomery Brown was already settled at Meridian, Mississippi on a large plantation with many slaves before he married. The first house built circa 1835 by these slaves still stands and is standing today (1959).

In this house the first child, James Burwell Brown, was born 2 October 1837. On 6 December 1855 he married Cyntha G. Stephens born 3 March 1839; died 25 September 1876; the daughter of a planter in the community, named Charles Stephens, and his wife, Sarah Smith. During the Civil War James enlisted and served as a Private in Company "F", Second Regiment of Mississippi Cavalry. In 1869, together with the Lacy family and probably others, he came in wagons to Texas with his entire family of eight children, settling near Winnsboro, Texas. He died 7 December 1908. The fourth child of this family was John Rufus Brown, born 22 May 1861 in Mississippi, died 9 December 1925. He told many tales to his grand children of the life with slaves and the early days in Texas. On 15 November 1882, Sarah Elizabeth Lacy, the dqughter of Elijah W. Lacy and his wife Jane Elizabeth Avara, became the wife of John Rufus, and 17 August 1883 William Franklin Brown was born. Elijah W. Lacy for several years had been a constable in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, so it was nothing but natural that the sheriff of Wood County, Texas would seek him out in 1870 to help take a fugitive negro. As Elijah was riding by a large tree the negro hit his arm, breaking it with a pine knot, then clubbed him to death. Jane Elizabeth Avara Lacy was born 3 July 1839 in Georgia, died in Eldorado, Oklahoma, 1 January 1910 the daughter of a planter named Thomas Lacy, born 1788, died 9 August 1875, and his wife Jennie. Elijah Lacy served in the Civil War from Mississippi. His father was Stephen Lacy, born in Virginia Circa 1782, and his mother was Martha, born in Virginia circa 1788. For many years before their death they lived in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

The family of William Franklin Brown's great-grandmother, Eliza Ann Fort, is interesting in several respects. Elias Fort I is first mentioned in Virginia Records in a will Recorded in 1668 in Isle of Wight County in which Elias Fort, Junior, is left a legacy by one Joseph Pool. Some time before March 1678 this Elias I died, for at this time his widow asked the court to appoint administrators of his estate to assist her in providing for the children left in the home. The Son George was born in Isle of Wight County, Virginia circa 1670, probably living near Round Hill Swamp until he moved to North Carolina between 1712-1719, the year he died in Albemarle County. He had married 3 March 1695, Elizabeth Accabeduckwood (that's what the records say!!). Their son, Elias II was born also in Isle of Wight County, Virginia circa 1696, died 1761 and apparently lived on the family plantation at Round Hill Swamp after his parents and the minor children moved to North Carolina. Before 1730 he, too, moved into North Carolina, but into Edgecombe County, where on 14 July 1730 his son Elias III was born. Sarah Sugg, born 24 May 1738, died 19 March 1802, became the wife of Elias III in 1758. She was the daughter of Aquilla Sugg, born in Virginia 1706, died after 1780. For thirty-one years Aquilla was a member of the Colonial Legislature (Burgess) of North Carolina. He was apparently a merchant of some wealth. His father was George Sugg, born circa 1665 in Virginia, brother of William and Joseph Sugg. Elias Fort III was a Baptist deacon for forty years. His home church was the Church at the Falls of Tar River in Nash and Edgecombe Counties, North Carolina. When the Kehukey Baptist Association was formed in 1769 (this is one of the oldest associations in America), he was a messenger

from his church, and in 1771 was elected clerk. On 11 April 1777 he enlisted as a Private in the Continental Army at the age of 47 and father of nine children. It is indicated he spent the winter with Washington at Valley Forge. After the war (in which he attained the rank of Sergeant) he returned home and served two terms as sheriff of Edgecombe County. In 1790, at the age of 60 and with all his large family, slaves and possessions he moved from Tarboro, North Carolina to Tennessee, where they spent the winter in the fort at Nashborough (Nashville). He employed Andrew Jackson at Knoxville, Tennessee, with others to ride "shotgun" for him and his family to protect them from the Indians. When spring came the group moved some forty-five miles north west into the Mero District (now Robertson County) and there they came to rest on several thousand acres of land granted him for his service in the Continental Army. On 14 January 1819, at the age of eighty-eight years and six months his earthly life ended and he was buried beside his wife near his plantation home some three miles from Adams, Tennessee. The grave is marked with a Revolutionary War marker.

At his death, his church membership was in the Red River Baptist Church, organized in 1791. He and his wife had moved their membership from North Carolina in 1793. The second house built for the congregation was called "Forts Meeting House". On the pages of the church minutes is spread an appreciation for his years of service for the Lord through the churches in which he had held membership.

Two descendants for Elias Fort III are the source of family pride. One was William Fort, son of Elias III. On 23 June 1759 he was born in North Carolina and died 8 January 1802 at the age of 43 at his plantation,

Adams, Tennessee. He was a member of the First General Assembly of North Carolina 1788; represented his county in the First and Second Constitutional conventions of North Carolina; was a member of the First Constitutional Convention of the State of Tennessee 1796; the original copy of the Tennessee constitution is in his hand writing, and when Robertson County was organized he was the first County Judge.

A grandson of Elias Fort III was Colonel Ben Franklin Terry, who with Colonel Thomas Lubbock, brother of Governor Lubbock of Texas, organized and trained the famous "Terry Rangers" of Texas who brought fame to the state by their gallant actions during the Civil War. Colonel Terry was killed during the War between the states. A great memorial to the Terry Rangers has been erected on the grounds of the Capitol Building in Austin, Texas.

The eighth child of Elias III and Sarah Sugg, was Elias IV and was born 9 September 1774; married 1797 Catherine Prince who was born in South Carolina 7 September 1774, died 3 January 1838, daughter of Captain William Prince of the American Revolution who was born in Virginia 19 May 1752, died Princeton, Kentucky, 1 August 1810; a charter member and a deacon of the Red River Church previously mentioned. The first meeting house of the congregation was called "Prince's Meeting House". He came to Port Royal, Tennessee in 1782 where his wife, Dulcinea Barry died; was a member of the constitutional convention of the state in 1796, and moved to Kentucky circa 1797 where he was given extensive holdings for his service during the Revolution. Princeton, Kentucky was named for him in 1817. He is buried in a well-marked grave in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Princeton, Kentucky. His father was John Prince,

born in Virginia 2 February 1710, died Spartanburg, South Carolina, 16 February 1782; moved to South Carolina where he served as member of the Provincial Congress in 1775; was a member of the Committee of Safety; and was a member of the First General Assembly 1776. His wife was Sarah, daughter of Joseph Berry and Huldah Hewett.

Burwell Jackson Fort, born 28 December 1797, was the eldest child of Elias IV. In 1818 he moved with his young wife, Nancy Northington to Dallas County (now Green County), Alabama. He had large holdings and apparently was an influential man, since the community was called "Forts" until the railroad came through and the junction was named for the contractor, Mr. Marion. For several years he served as Justice of the Peace of Dallas County. In 1836 he died suddenly in Cahaba, the capital of the state. In his will he requested to be buried at his residence.

Nancy Northington's family was an old Virginia family. In 1691 Samuel Northington, who came from England, was granted land in Gloucester County. His wife was Hannah. Their son, Samuel Northington II was born in Charles City County, Virginia, and served in the Virginia Colonial Troops. In 1744 he died. His wife was Ann Sterling. Samuel Northington III, son of Samuel II, born in Virginia in 1725, died 1794; served in the Revolutionary War; was a member of the Virginia Assembly 1784; and married Phyllis Edmunds of Surry County, Virginia, who was born 1728 and died 1772. Samuel Northington IV, born 1754, died 1843; served in the Revolutionary War as a Private in the Cumberland County, North Carolina Militia; was a member of the North Carolina Legislature; married 2d Mary Jones of North Carolina, born 1756; moved to what is

now Clarksville, Tennessee circa 1825. It was here Burwell Jackson Fort and Nancy Northington married.

Some few miles west of "Forts", the home of Burwell Jackson and Nancy Northington Fort, in Alabama, was the crossroads called "Browns". It is so known today (1959). I have a theory that this place was settled by David Montgomery Brown's family and that he knew Eliza Ann Fort before he bought land in Mississippi from Jesse J. Butler of Green County, Alabama in 1835. Anyway, the marriage took place --- joining the Browns and Forts inseparagly.

John H. Brown

JOHN H. BROWN, O 931 891
Chaplain (Major) USA
Compiler

Mrs Cobb. P.20 Son of James and Martha (Gallman) Brown No. 7)

David Montgomery Brown
b. 1812* in N.C.
Mrs Cobb. P.22 d. 27 Nov. 1884*
Buried: in Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetery
Lauderdale Co., Miss (years only shown on Tombstone.

Married 1st in Lauderdale Co. Miss.
To. Dav. of _____ _____ & _____ (_____) Fort.
Eliza Ann Fort
b. 1820*
Mrs Cobb. P.22 d. 27 April 1858*
Buried - Same as husband
(years only shown on tombstone.)

Children (Supposed to have been 5.
one was:

Jefferson Davis Brown, b. 16 March 1852, d. 18 Dec. 1929,
Wm. Charlotte Aveline Smith (See later)

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David Montgomery Brown m. 2nd 2 Aug 1858 in Lauderdale Co. Miss

To: Dau. of — —

Rebecca J. Richardson
b. 1839*
d. 1897*
Buried - Same as husband. (years only shown on tombstone.)

Children (10:)

6. Benjamin Franklin Brown, b 27 Jan. 1859.

7. Mary Alice Brown, b. 13 Oct. 1860

8. Laura Lovenia Brown, b. 16 Jan. 1862, m. _____ Smith, of Collinsville, Miss

9. Robert Lee Brown, b. 7 May 1863

10. Walter Scott Brown, b 9 March 1865, d. 16 Nov. 1939, m. 2 Dec. 1894, Mrs. Tostina "Tina" (Phillips) Wright, Widow of Wm Wright, dau. of James Phillips of Kemper Co., Miss., b. 13 Dec. 1870, d. 29 Oct. 1941 - both buried in Fellowship Cemetery.

11. Oscar Lavelle Brown, b 20 Aug. 1866, b. ~~29 Dec. 1889~~, m 21 Dec. 1889. m. Mattie M. McDonald, dau. of W. C. + Mary (Gallespie) McDonald.

12. Victor Eugene Brown, b. 1 March 1872 m. — March 1902 in Perry Co., Miss., Miss Addie Poole.

13. Ida L. Brown, b. 10 May 1874

14. Minnie Lee Brown b. 20 March 1876, d. 1951 m. 3 Dec. 1895 Robert Lee Miles. b 1872, d 1962 (Son of Jasper + Mary (McDonald) Miles.

15. Redman Brown b. 6 April 1878

Info from Mrs. Cobb. + Tombstone Records

PRUITT - NOT PRUETT

I am confused - which Frank Brown is

the Benjamin Franklin Brown, b. 27 Jan. 1859
would have to be son of David Monroe Brown
and 2nd wife Rebecca J. Richardson -
they married 2 Aug. 1859.

In Fellowship Cemetery:
Fannie Brown + Baby ("wife of B. F. Brown.")
d. Feb 5, 1907 - no birth date is shown

then infant dau. of B.F. + J.P. Brown*
b Feb. 28, 1915 & d. March 7, 1915

I had thought this was a 1st + 2nd
marriages - 1st to Fannie, 2nd to J.P.??

then a Frank Brown - son of Jefferson Franklin + Charlotte
Arlene (Pruitt) Brown. - the one who
married Pearl ~~Brown~~ Powell

Who is "J.P." (_____) Brown? ("infant Dau. of
B.F. + J.P. Brown.) ?

there was a B. F. Brown. (Benjamin Franklin)
son of David M + Rebecca J. (Richardson) Brown

and a Frank Brown, son of Jefferson Franklin
+ Charlotte Arlene (Pruitt) Brown - who
married Pearl Powell.

When I first started working on Tucker/Pruitt family information, my mother-in-law listed the following as family of Jeff and Charlotte Caroline "Annie" (Pruitt) Brown:

Daughter of Thomas M. and Naomi E (Windham) Pruitt
No. 7) Charlotte Caroline "Annie" Pruitt
b. 17 Aug. 1859
d.

Married: Jefferson Davis Jeff Brown
b.
d.

Children:
1. William L "Buster" Brown. M. Nellie Barnett, Sister of Ross Barnett, who was Governor. They had no children.
2. Frank Brown
3. Jim Brown
4. Osie Brown
5. Vinnie Brown M. Jared Snowden, Parents of Earl Snowden
6. Maggie Brown m. Callie Ratliff. Ratliff
7. Mattie Brown m. Will Vincent
8. Dave Brown m. Vada Stephens, Sister of Ada and Minnie Z.
9. Jesse Brown

Later, my wife, her Aunt, Nina (Tucker) Calvert and myself went to Fellowship Cemetery and copied tombstone inscriptions for William L. Brown, Vennie V. Snowden, Jared Snowden, and others.

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(2) When I inherited the papers of Nina (Tucker) Calvert, I found the following, I suppose in handwriting of Lessie (Snowden) Downey written for her husband Ray Downey for Nina Calvert.

"~~My~~ "Names of my mothers people"

Davie Brown wife Vadie Brown (she was Vada Stephens)
Frank Brown wife Pearl Powell
Vinnie Vilula Brown Husband Timothy Jared Snowden
Willie Brown wife Nellie Barnett
Maggie Brown wife Bud Ratcliff
Jessie Brown wife Irene Pace
Jimmy Brown wife Blanch Pace
Ocie Brown wife Myrtle George
Myrtie Brown wife Will Vincent

(My Mother was Vinnie V Brown Snowden, dau of Jeff + Avvie Pruitt Brown) this statement by Ray Downey -

(by Lessie Downey - wife of Ray)
The above is as shown - Additions in in parentheses is in hand writing of Nina (Tucker) Calvert.

My Mother-in-law had named Children of Jared + Vennie (Brown) Snowden as:

Earl m Bertha
Avvie did not marry
Lessie m. Ray Downey
Lavell
Everette

And that Jared m 2nd Ada Stephens
And had a daughter.

Following is family as we have it

Son of David Montgomery + Eliza A (Fort) Brown
Jefferson Franklin Brown
b. 16 March 1852
d. 18 Dec. 1929
Buried - Fellowship Cemetery

Married 31 Dec. 1871 in Lauderdale Co. Miss.
To: Daughter of Thomas M. and Naomi E. (Windham) Pruitt
No 7) Charlotte Aveline "Avvie" Pruitt
* b. 17 Aug. 1854 in Kemper Co., Miss.
d
Buried
(* Birth date is from Pruitt family data prepared by Miss Aggie Leona (Pruitt) Tucker and her brother Dr. George Thomas "G.T." Pruitt)

Children: (Not in order of birth)
1. William Luther Brown b. 21 May 1878; d. 6 Oct. 1951, age 73
m. Nellie Barnett No Children
2. Frank Brown m. Pearl Powell
3. Jim "Jimmy" Brown m. Blanch C. Pace, b. 16 Aug. 1876, d. 12 Nov. 1957, buried in Fellowship Cemetery.
4. Osie (Ocie) Brown b. ca 1895 m. Myrtle George
5. Vennie Vilula Brown, b. 28 April 1873; d 7 Feb 1943,
m. Timothy Jared Snowden
6. Maggie Brown m. Callie "Bud" Ratcliff
7. Mertie Louvenia Brown, b. 26 March 1890 in Lauderdale Co. Miss., d. 7 July 1970 in Meridian, Miss., m. William Henry Vincent.
8. David ("Dave", "Davie") Brown m. Vada Stephens

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9. Jesse E. Brown b 29 April, 1872, d. 27 March, 1944
m. Irene Pace
? (I think he also m. Nancy M. ("Wife of J. E. Pace" b. 22 July 1879, d. 5 June 1920 — buried Fellowship Cemetery — No Proof) ?

No. 4. Ocie (Osie) m. Myrtle George, dau. of James + Izella C. (——) George, b. — Oct. 1895. She was a sister of Lewis George who married Amy Lee Ethridge.

No. 5. Vennie Vilula Brown m. Timothy Jared Snowden, b. 22 July 1866, d. 14 Jan. 1943. Both buried in Fellowship Cem.
Chn. 1. Earl, b. ca 1894, d. 1980, m. Bertha L. Mosley, of Daleville, Miss. b. ca 1894, d. 4 March 1987 in Meridian, Miss. — both buried in Memorial Gardens Cem. — He was a barber in Meridian. Cut my hair many times) — She was a school teacher — taught my wife — She was good friend of my mother-in-law.
2. Avaline "Avie", b. 15 Jan. 1895, d. 18 Jan 1977 — bur. Fellowship Cem. did not marry.
3. Lessie Estelle, b. 1901, d. 1987, m. Ray S. Downey.
Chn. 1. Dorothy Lynn Downey
4. Jerry Lavell b 1903 — Simple
5. Everett Jefferson b 1906 m. 1st Edna Hodges — divorced — m. 2nd Hetty Jane (White) New.*

Jared Snowden m. 2nd
To: Dau. of Rev. Elijah Smith + Annie M. (Jones) Stephens
Ada Stephens.
b. 11 April 1872
d. 28 Dec. 1933
Bur. Fellowship Cem

Chn. 6. Annie Lee b. 1913
m. Robert Lee

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* My wife + I did much of our "Coopting" between her house and News Cafe. She lived at 2702 45th St. and there was a short cut through woods to New's

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No. 7) Mertie Louvenia Brown, M. 23 Dec. 1909 in Pine Springs, Miss. William Henry "Will" Vincent, Son of Isaac Henry "Ike" and Cornelia Alma (Jolly) Vincent. b. 17 Nov. 1887 in Lauderdale Co., Miss., d. 1 Feb. 1984 in Laurel, Jones Co., Miss. Both buried in Magnolia Cemetery in Meridian, Miss.

Chn. 1. Iva Fay b.
2. Wm Othell
3. Mary Evelyn
4. Melton Henry.

No 8 David "David, Davis" M. Vada "Vadie" Stephens, dau. of Rev Elijah Smith + Annie M. (Jones) Stephens. She was b. ca 1875.

Chn. Known: Glenn, Claude + Cecil. Others?
Claude M. Ola Rasberry - had known dau. Grace who M. Jack Moore, Son of Oscar + Sula (~~George~~ George) ~~[illegible]~~ Moore.

No. 9. Jesse E. M. (? 1st Nancy M. Burtellowship) Did he M. 1st
M. (2nd?) Irene Pace ?

~~[illegible]~~

3. Cynthia Ann BUTLER, was born Oct. 23, 1820.
3. James B. BUTLER, was born Nov. 18, 1822; died Oct. 1, 1823.
3. Jesse H. BUTLER, was born Dec. 27, 1824.
3. Ephram I. BUTLER was born Apr. 24, 1827.
3. David B. BUTLER, was born Mar. 25, 1830.
3. Martha E. BUTLER, was born Apr. 2, 1832.
3. Mary I. BUTLER, was born May 16, 1834.
3. Christopher C. BUTLER was born Sept. 28, 1836; died Aug. 17, 1840.

2. James BROWN, Jr., was born July 29, 1804. He married Susan ALFORD.

2. Elizabeth BROWN, was born July 26, 1807. In February 1827, she married Levi CLOUD. They had three children. Elizabeth died June 26, 1832.

3. Aaron E. CLOUD, was born May 8, 1828.
3. Levi J. CLOUD, was born Apr. 14, 1830.
3. William A. CLOUD, was born May 5, 1832; died Se½t. 1832.

2. Susan Catherine BROWN, was born Apr. 20, 1810. On Sept. 3, 1835, she married William COATS, who died Sept. 13, 1852. They had one child:

3. James B. COATS, was born June 6, 1836.

2. David Montgomery BROWN, was born Nov. 6, 1812, in North Carolina. (1880 MS Census says he was born in Georgia. State to be clarified later). He died Nov. 27, 1884, in Lauderdale Co.. MS. and is buried in Pace Church (Fellowship) Cemetery, Lauderdale Co., MS.
On Jan. 5, 1837, in Greene Co., AL, he married Eliza Ann FORT, J.H. Rainey, Justice of the Peace, officiating. Eliza was born Oct. 12, 1820, in Dallas Co., AL, daughter of Burwell Jackson FORT and Nancy NORTHIINGTON. Eliza Ann BROWN died Apr. 1, 1858, in Lauderdale Co., MS, and is buried in Pace Church (Fellowship) Cemetery, Lauderdale Co., MS. NOTE: The FORTS and NORTHINGTONS are treated separately in this history).

In the late 1820's or early 1830's, in a spirit of adventure, David set out to find the ideal place to settle down and make a home. He preferred not to settle in the Carolinas or Georgia, so he traveled over into Alabama. It is not known what year this was, but at some point he acquired all the land around the community of Browns, AL, which is about eight miles west of Forts, AL, now Marion Junction, where he met the charming and aristocratic Eliza Ann FORT, whom he later married.

David M. BROWN had a lovely home in Browns, and in 1920 it was still standing, as a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the area, Mrs. Mary Harrell Stanberry, of Browns (1982) recalled a wagon trip with her parents that year to visit the Brown house. She recalled that it was a lovely one-story white house, with green roof, and beautiful grounds. It had a line of cedar trees forming a lane from the house to the church, At that time (1920) a family of colored people, also named Brown, lived in the house and Mr. Brown said the property had been willed to his forefathers by David M. Brown. The house later burned and there is nothing left of it today. Unfortunately,

in 1982 the Browns, AL, Post Office was closed and mail is now delivered through Marion Junction.

For some reason, David did not stay in Alabama. One family theory ia that it was because the railroad went right through his land. However, there is some doubt about this as it would appear he had already purchased land in Mississippi before the railroad was started. In any event, he traveled over into Mississippi, going as far as the western part of the State, but returned and in 1835 purchased land in the northern part of Lauderdale County. One family account says the land was purchased from the Government. Another account says it was purchased from Jesse J. Butler of Greene Co., AL. County records have not been found to establish this fact, but they do show that 1,720 acres inTownship 8 belonged to D.M.Brown.

Whether David purchased the land before traveling to Mississippi, or whether he returned to Alabama afterward, is not clear. However, the marriage of David M. Brown and Eliza Ann Fort was performed January 5, 1837, in Greene Co., AL.

The land David purchased was located not far north of Meridian near the old Center Hill School. The building was used as a shirt factory for a number of years, and in 1989 it was still standing, though vacant and delapidated.

Here David built his home of logs cut and hewn square by his Negro slaves. It was weatherboarded and ceiled on the inside with 12" boards of long leaf pine. The floor was of the same material. The doors were made of two boards each about 18" of heart pine, which had never warped nor deteriorated in 1938, at which time the interior was in fairly good condition.

This old home had two large square rooms with an open hallway between, and a veranda running the length of the two rooms and hall. The kitchen was detached from the main building, as was the custom in those days. Two larger rooms had wide open fireplaces in each end. This home was not elaborate in any way, but was comfortable and substantial.

After having children of school age, David, being a man of educational advantages, realized the need of a school in this new country where schools were few and far between. He talked this over with other men of the community, and they were very few, and suggested a meeting on a site most centrally located for a school. The meeting was held under an oak tree that stood near where R. L. Brown's house stood in 1937, and after the conference it was decided that a house which David had built on this site was the most desirable place. He therefore loanded the house for this purpose.

It was a one room log house with a large open fireplace and windows with shutters. The men of the community got together their slaves and had logs hewn by hand into seats. It was a crude but comfortable building, typical of that period, 1844.

Here David M. Brown taught for many years, teaching his own sons as well as those of his neighbors. This school was located about a fourth mile from Drip-Off Springs, and it was called the Drip-Off School.

Later the school was moved to another private house, and still later into the Drip-Off Baptist Church, which was very near these beautiful springs. This served as both church and school for about ten years, when in 1897 it was made into a public school and had a new building for that purpose.

This school, founded by David M. Brown, was attended by his children, some of his grandchildren, and a few of his great grandchildren in one or another of its locations before it was consolidated into the Center Hill School.

It is believed that this Drip-Off School is where George Beeman taught when he and Elvie Williamson were married in 1917.

Up to the beginning of the War Between the States, David M. Brown was a wealthy man, owning much land and many Negro slaves, who tilled his acres. However, he continued to teach school for he felt that the cultivation of the mind was as important as cultivation of his plantation, and men capable of teaching were scarce in those days.

David Brown was considered a just man and many were the times his neighbors or friends would seek his advice in their difficulties. He was a friend to all -- the rich and poor alike. He was not a politician but was interested in anything for the betterment of his community.

One of David's sons, Albert Gallatin, still living in 1937, told that in his old age his father loved to tell his children and grandchildren of his many adventures during his early teaching days, of his encountering wolves on many occasions while riding horseback to and from school, and of once meeting a bear. The country in those days was a wilderness except for the few homes which were many miles apart.

David did not serve in the Confederate Army but contributed five sons to this cause. After the war, having lost his slaves, he divided his plantation among the children, deeding each one his just share.

LINEAGE OF ELIZA ANN FORT

FIRST WIFE OF DAVID MONTGOMERY BROWN

The family of Eliza Ann FORT has been traced back to the mid-1600's in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. This author has relied in great part on the research documented in "A Family Called Fort," by Homer T. Fort, Jr. and Drucilla Stovall Jones. This document is concerned generally only with the direct lineage of Eliza Ann Fort, and anyone interested in accounts of other Fort descendants is referred to the above book.

The first record is a reference to:

1. Elias FORT, I who was probably born between 1630 and 1646. His "mark" is found on the findings of a coronor's jury dated Oct. 9, 1667, and he had to be 21 years of age to serve on the jury. Not much is known of the first Elias FORT, and his "mark" on the jury report indicates that he could not write at this time. However, there are further records of jury duty and his administration of several estates, so it may be assumed that he was a man of abilities.

   Elias FORT, I, married Phillis CHAMPION, and they had three sons: Elias, John and George FORT. The first Elias probably died in late 1677 or early 1678, as in March, 1678, his widow asked the court to appoint administrators of his estate to assist her in providing for the children left in the home.

   2. Elias FORT, the oldest son of Elias and Phillis FORT, lived in Surry County, Va., and married a girl named Sarah. They had seven children: Elias, John, Holliday, Phillis, Faith, Mary, and Alice.

   2. John FORT, 2nd son of Elias and Phillis FORT, was born about 1665 in Isle of Wight Co., Va. He married Elizabeth JORDAN about 1685. He died about 1725. He and Elizabeth had nine children: William , Elias, John, George, Richard, Thomas, Mary, Sarah and Hannah FORT.

   There are many descendants of the above Elias and John FORT, sons of Elias and Phillis FORT, but this document is devoted to the direct line of ancestry for Eliza Ann FORT, which is:

   2. George FORT, II was born between 1668 and 1675, in Isle of Wight, Co., Va. He probably lived near Round Hill Swamp until he moved to North Carolina between 1712 and 1719, the year he died in Albemarle Co., N.C. George was the first of the Fort family to move from Isle of Wight and Surry counties, Virginia.

      On March 1, 1695, George married Elizabeth Accabe DUCKWOOD (or Elizabeth ACCABEDUCKWOOD), and they had nine children: Elias, George, Benjamin, Samuel, John, Catherine, Alice, Phillis and Elizabeth FORT.

      3. Elias FORT, III first child of George and Elizabeth, was born about 1690-1696, in Isle of Wight Co., Va. He moved into the old Chowan Co., N.C. around 1720. He married a girl named Catherine (or Cathron), whose surname is not known.

         By 1740, Elias and Catherine had moved into Edgecombe Co., N.C., along the Tar River. It is said that the black mud of the river stuck to the heels of those crossing it, and this is the origin of the nickname "Tar-Heel" which still "clings" to North Carolinians.

Elias FORT died in Edgecombe Co., N.C. in 1761. He and Catherine had four children: William, Elias, Joseph, and Sarah FORT:

4. William FORT, was born sometime prior to 1741. He died in Wayne Co., N.C. in 1791. His wife's name is not known, but he had two children:

   5. Sarah FORT
   5. Benjamin FORT

4. Joseph FORT, born about 1725-31. His wife's name is not known, but he had seven children:

   5. John FORT, born Dec. 9, 1762.
   5. James FORT, born Sept. 8, 1765.
   5. Elias FORT.
   5. Elizabeth FORT, born about 1756-58.
   5. Ann FORT.
   5. Pheraby FORT
   5. Catherine FORT.

4. Sarah FORT, born about 1724 in Bertie Co., N.C.

4. Elias FORT, III second son of Elias and Catherine FORT, (hereinafter referred to as Elias FORT, III), was born July 14, 1730, in Edgecombe Co., N.C., at Tar River. In 1758, he married Sarah SUGG, who was born May 15, 1738, probably in Norfolk Co., Va., the daughter of Aquilla SUGG and his wife, Elizabeth MAUND.

   Aquilla SUGG, born in Virginia in 1706, died after 1780, was a prominent citizen of Edgecombe Co., N.C. He was a member of the Colonial Legislature (Burgess) of North Carolina for many years. He was apparently a merchant of some wealth. Late in life he devoted all his energies to spreading the Gospel as a Methodist minister. His father was George SUGG and he had two brothers, William and Joseph.

In April 1777, and the father of nine children, Elias III enlisted in the Continental Army, serving with the 1st North Carolina Battalion, commanded by Col. Thomas Clark. It is indicated that his Battalion spent the winter with George Washington at Valley Forge.

After the war, Elias served as sheriff of Edgecombe Co.

About 1790, after spending more than 60 years in Edgecombe County, Elias with his wife, married sons and daughters, and other relatives, with all their possessions, including slaves, migrated across the Appalachians to Tennessee. They spent the winter in the fort at Nashborough (Nashville).

He employed Andrew Jackson (later to become President of the United States) at Knoxville, Tenn., with others, to ride "shot-gun" for him and his family to protect them from the indians. The next spring they moved on to what is now Robertson Co., Tenn. and settled on several thousand acres of land granted him for his service in the Continental Army.

For 40 years Elias was a Deacon in the Baptist Church. At his death, his church membership was in the Red River Baptist Church, organized in 1791. The second house built for the congregation was called "Forts Meeting House." On the pages of the church minutes is spread an appreciation of his years of service for the Lord through the churches in which he held membership.

Sarah FORT died Mar. 19, 1802, in Montgomery Co., Tenn., and was buried on their plantation about three miles from Adams. Elias FORT, III, died on Jan. 14, 1819, and was buried beside his wife on the plantation, at his own request. His grave is marked with a Revolutionary War marker.

Elias III and Sarah FORT had nine children, all born in Edgecombe Co., N.C.:

5. William FORT, born June 23, 1759, died Jan. 8, 1802, in Robertson Co., Tenn. On Mar. 6, 1782 he married Elizabeth HILLIARD and they had eight children.

5. Josiah FORT, born Sept. 8, 1762, died Apr. 21, 1848, in Tenn. On Jan. 17, 1788 he married 1) Piety HORN and they had eight children. On Dec. 19, 1819 he married Piety's sister, Selah, and they had one son.

5. Catherine FORT, born in 1764, died Feb. 23, 1817 in Robertson Co., Tenn. In 1787 she married Matthew WILLIAMS, and they had 7 children.

5. Milbrey FORT, born in 1766. Married William DeLOACH Jr. They had eight children.

5. Esther FORT, born in 1768, died Dec. 14, 1818, in Robertson Co., Tenn. Married Burwell JACKSON. They had one son.

5. Elizabeth FORT, born in 1770, died Dec. 28, 1825 in Robertson Co., Tenn. She married Epaphroditus LAWSON. They had no children.

5. Obedience FORT ("Bedie"), born Jan. 21, 1771, died Mar. 1, 1847, in Houston, Harris Co., Texas. On Nov. 3, 1791 she married Major David SMITH. They had eleven children, all born in Kentucky.

5. Elias FORT, V (see details later)

5. Sugg FORT, born June 24, 1776, died Mar. 22, 1829 in Robertson Co., Tenn. On Dec. 10, 1801 he married Elizabeth DIGGS. They had two sons.

Here the line of ancestry for Eliza Ann FORT is:

5. Elias FORT, V, sometimes referred to as "Jr.", was born Sept. 7, 1774, in Edgecombe Co., N.C. In 1797, in Robertson Co., Tenn., he married Catharine PRINCE, who was born Mar. 17, 1774, in South Carolina, the daughter of Capt. William PRINCE and his second wife, Dulcinea BARRY. They had twelve children, all born in Robertson Co., Tenn. Catharine died Jan. 7, 1838, in Tenn. Elias IV died in 1827.

Catharine PRINCE's father, William PRINCE, born May 19, 1752, in Virginia, son of John PRINCE, born Feb. 2, 1710, in Virginia, and his wife, Sarah HEWETT. John PRINCE moved into South Carolina, where he was a member of the Provincial Congress in 1775 and held other important positions.

William PRINCE was Captain in the American Revolution. He moved to Fort Royal, Tenn., in 1782, where Dulcinea died. He moved to Kentucky about 1797, where he was given extensive holdings for his service in the Revolutionary War. Princeton, Kentucky was named for him in 1917. He is buried in a well marked grave in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Princeton, Ky.

The children of Elias ~~IV~~ and Catharine FORT are:

6. Burwell J. FORT, I, was born Dec. 28, 1797. (See details later).

6. Sarah FORT, was born July 4, 1799, in Robertson Co., Tenn., died Oct. 29, 1801.

6. Lewis Albartus FORT, was born Feb. 18, 1801, in Robertson Co., Tenn., died Sept. 12, 1823, in Dallas Co., Ala. His wife's name is not known, but he had three children.

6. Nancy Prince FORT, was born May 13, 1802, in Robertson Co., Tenn. On Aug. 28, 1828, she married Hardiman Israel HARRELL. They had two sons.

6. Elizabeth FORT, was born Aug. 15, 1806, in Robertson Co., Tenn, died Sept. 29, 1831.

6. Mary B. "Polly" FORT, was born Dec. 11, 1807, in Robertson Co., Tenn., died Aug. 6, 1842 in Mayhew, Lowndes Co., Ms. In 1825 she married John Tinsley CONNELL. They had seven children.

6. William P. FORT, was born Sept. 19, 1809, in Robertson Co,Tenn., died Sept. 7, 1812.

6. Dorothy "Dollie" Berry FORT, was born Mar. 4, 1811, in Robertson Co., Tenn., died Sept. 17, 1877, in Louisiana. She married Thomas Dixon CONNELL, and they had seven children.

6. Joseph W. FORT, was born May 13, 1815, in Robertson Co., Tenn. On Jan. 7, 1842, he married Susan M. WHITFIELD. They had two children.

6. Martha Marie FORT, was born Aug. 16, 1816, in Robertson Co., Tenn. On Feb. 23, 1832, she married Thomas Jefferson FORT.

6. Elisha P. FORT, was born Dec. 20, 1817, in Robertson Co., Tenn.

6. Catharine O. FORT, was born Jan. 29, 1820, in Robertson Co., Tenn.

Here the line of ancestry for Eliza Ann FORT, is

6. Burwell Jackson FORT, was born Dec. 28, 1797, in Robertson Co., Tenn. In 1818, in Montgomery Co., Tenn., he married his first wife, Nancy NORTHINGTON, the daughter of Samuel NORTHINGTON IV and his second wife, Mary JONES of North Carolina.

The lineage of Nancy NORTHINGTON:

Samuel NORTHINGTON, came from England, and was granted land in Gloucester Co., Va. in 1691. He and his wife, Hannah, had at least one son:

Samuel NORTHINGTON, II, born in Charles City Co., Va., served in the Virginia Colonial Troops. He died in 1744. He and his wife, Ann STERLING, had at least one son:

Samuel NORTHINGTON, III,, born in Virginia in 1725, died in 1794. Served in the Revolutionary War. Member of the Virginia Assembly of 1784. He married Phillis EDMUNDS of Surry Co., Va (1728-1772). They had at least one son:

Samuel NORTHINGTON, IV, born 1754 in Virginia, died 1843, Montgomery Co., Tenn. Served in Revolutionary War as a private in Cumberland Co., N.C. Militia. Member of the North Carolina Legislature. He married, the second time, Mary JONES of North Carolina. They moved to what is now Clarksville, Tenn. They had at least one daughter:

Nancy NORTHINGTON, who married in 1818 in Clarksville, Tenn., as his first wife, Burwell Jackson FORT, I, son of Elias FORT, IV, and Catharine PRINCE. Nancy died between 1820 and 1824 in Dallas Co., Ala.

Soon after their marriage, Burwell J. FORT brought his young bride to Dallas Co., (now Greene Co.), Alabama Territory, where he became a pioneer settler, planter and speculator in land.

About the same time the Forts came to Alabama, three other pioneer families settled in the same general area: The Harrells, Rascos, and Boswells. Apparently the three families were friends and many marriages took place between them.

One family member, now deceased, related that around 1825 there were two small communities in Dallas Co, near Cahaba. One was "Harrell's Crossroads" -- a railroad flag station -- composed mostly of a religious sect known as the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The other community was called "Forts". It became an important railroad junction and in 1875 it was renamed "Marion Junction" for the contractor who

built the railroad. In 1891 it was renamed "Bridges" but in 1903 it was renamed "Marion Junction", which name it retains today (1982). These name changes are documented in a letter, dated Aug. 10, 1967, to Mrs. John E. Riley (Ruth FORT) of Birmingham, Ala., now deceased, from the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

It is of interest to note that the Forts came to Dallas County in 1818 and in 1819 the Alabama Territory became the State of Alabama, and Cahaba, a community in the blueprint stage, without buildings or population became the capital of the new State.

The Fort house was built by William Boswell. One of the Forts had married a Boswell. Burwell J. Fort bought the house and his son, Burwell J. Fort, Jr. lived in it. The house was later bought by a Randall, and it is still standing today (1982) and is known as the Randall House.

Burwell J. FORT had large holdings and apparently was a very influential man. For several years he served as Justice of the Peace in Dallas County. He died suddenly in 1836 and was buried, at his own request, on the plantation.

Burwell J. and Nancy FORT had two children:

7. William E. FORT, was born Feb. 6, 1819, in Dallas Co., Ala. He died July 27, 1844. Presumably he never married.

7. Eliza Ann FORT, VII was born Oct. 12, 1820, in Dallas Co., Ala. She died Apr. 17, 1858, near Meridian, Lauderdale Co., Ms. On Jan. 5, 1835, she married David Montgomery BROWN.

After Nancy FORT died, Burwell J. married Charlotte Elizabeth HARRELL, and they had six children. Charlotte raised William E. and Eliza Ann with her own children:

7. Lewis Albartus FORT, born May 9, 1825.
7. Burwell Jackson FORT, II, born Apr. 6, 1827.
7. Noah Sugg FORT, born Mar. 28, 1829.
7. Frances Alabama FORT, born Feb. 15, 1831.
7. Elias W. FORT, born Feb. 28, 1833.
7. Gabriel Holmes FORT, born June 2, 1835.

INFORMATION ON ELIAS FORT OF TENNESSEE

AND THE MINUTES OF THE EARLY KEHUKEY

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 1769 - 1777

MR. JOHN H. BROWN AND WILLIAM T. TALBERT, LONG-TIME MINISTER OF GUMLOG PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HAD ELIAS FORT (BORN 1730; died 1819) AS A COMMON ANCESTER.

COMPLIMENTS OF MRS. W. T. TALBERT OF BAILEY, MS.

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Ft Leonard Wood, Mo.
24 Sept. 1959

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My dear Cousin and family,

At last I have the copy of the old minutes of Kentucky Association ready for you. I am sending them to you with gladness.

I shall never forget your kind hospitality to me. It was a pleasure to be with you in your home and to come to know you better.

If ever I can be of service to you in any manner please let me know.

Sincerely

John

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MINUTES OF THE KEHUKEY ASSOCIATION

1769 - 1777
(1775 lost)

Copied from a copy in the possession of Mrs. Maurice Tolleson, Adams, Tennessee.

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The original minutes are in a book presumably brought into Tennessee by ELIAS FORT (born 1730 died 1819) in 1790 from Tarboro, North Carolina. He had been Clerk of the Association in 1771. The book was placed in theTennessee State Archives several years ago by his descendant, Miss Jane Fort.

John H. Brown
JOHN H. BROWN
Chaplain (Maj) USA
Descendant of Elias Fort

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The Sixth Day of ber Anno. Domini. 1769. A Considerable number of Baptist Ministers and Brethren mett at Kehukey in the County of Hallifax and province of North Carolina to consult about the Expediency of an Association and the manner of Conducting it to the advantage of the Churches, the issue of the meeting was, adopting the platform and Sentiments of the Philladelphia Association, and their conforming themselves into a Like Body, the Churches that incorporated this year in the Church at Kehukey in Hallifax County the church at Tossneot and Tar River in Edgcomb County and the Church in Bertie and the Church in Pitt County: The sentements concerning an Association are first that such an Association is useful and Beneficial: first Union and Communion among themselves maintaining more effectually the Order and and faith once Delivered to the Saints, haveing advice in Cases of Doubts, Helps in Distress &c. Secondly, that such an Association is consistant with the Independency of particular Churches because it pretends tobe on more that an Advisory Councel Disclaiming Superiority jurisdiction Coercive Right of Infallibillity - thirdly, that an Association Should Consist of men knowing and judicious especially in the Scriptures: And now in concurrence with the above sertements we who's Names are hereunto subscribed being met together as we trust in fear of god and haveing a desire to promote the Glory of God and the good of his church we have unanimously united and joined ourselves together in an Association.

Churches	Messengers	Churches	Messengers
Kehukey	John Meglamre) Jesse Andrews) Thos. Wethersbey)	Tar River	John Moore) Elisha Battle) Elias Fort) Wm. Horn
Bertie	James Abington) Ephram Daniel)	Tossneot	Jonathan Thomas Jeremiah Rahn John Nobell)
	James Vinson)	Pitt	

I Fort

(1.) Elias Fort (I)
Born: between 1630 & 1646
Married: Phillis Champion
Died: 1678
Children: (1) Elias, m. Sarah, lived in Isle of Wight — had 7 Children
(2) John, B. 1665, Isle of Wight, m. Eliz. Jordon, 9 children; died 1725
*(3.) George, B. 1668-1675, Isle of Wight

(2) George Fort
(B) 1667-1675, Isle of Wight near Round Hill Swamp
(m) Eliz. Duckwood Mar. 1, 1695 - moved to NC between 1712 and 1719
(d.) - [illegible] 1719 in Albemarle Co, NC. -
Had 9 Children: [illegible]

(3) Elias Fort II oldest son of George & Eliz.
B. 1690-1696, Isle of Wight
m. Cathron (Catherine?)
D. 1761 - Edgecombe Co, NC, 1761
moved to Chowan Co, NC 1720
By 1740 moved to Edgecomb Co, NC - on Tar River
Four Children: William, Elias III, Joseph, and Sarah.

(4) Elias Fort III
Born July 14, 1730, Edgecomb Co, NC.
m. - Sarah Sugg 1758, dau of Aquilla Sugg, prom. citizen of Edgecomb Co, memb. of Colonial Legislature (Burgess), a Merchant of Some wealth, and in later life, became a meth. minister.
D. 1817, Bur. on Plantation in Montgomery Co, Tenn.
(over)

II Fort

In Apr 1777, Elias Fort III, the father of 9 Children (all B. in Edgefield Co.) entested in the Continental army, served c̄ 1st N.C. Batt'n, commanded by Col. Thos Clark. This Battalion spent the Winter c̄ Gen. George Washington @ Valley Forge.

After the War, Elias served as sheriff of Edgecombe Co., NC

After 1790, after spending 60 years in Edgecomb Co, Elias & Sarah, married sons & daughters, other relatives, slaves, & all possessions, migrated Accross appalachians to Tenn, spending the winter at Nashville. Come Spring, Elias hired Andrew Jackson (later to become Pres.) to ride shot-gun to protect his family as they moved to (now) Robertson Co. Tenn. to settles on the several thousand Acres granted to him for his war services.

Elias was a Deacon in Baptist Church for 40 years. He was a Memb of Red River Bapt Church when he died (1817) & was bur beside his wife Sarah on their plantation in Montgomery Co. Tenn

(5) Elias Fort, Jr. (IV)

B. 1774, Edgecomb Co., N.C.

M. Catherine Prince (B. 1774, SC.) d. 1838, in Tenn, dau of Capt. Wm Prince & 2nd of Duc Inea Barry

D. - 1827

Had 12 children: oldes was Burwell J. Fort

(6) Burwell Jackson Fort

B. Dec 28, 1797, Robertson Co., Tenn.

M. (1.) Nancy Northington 1818 (She d. 2 years later in Dallas Co, Ala leaving 2 children) (Ala became a state in 1819) in 1820

(2) Charlotte Eliz. Harroll - Co 1823, & had 2 more Children

D. Died suddenly in 1836 & was bur. on his Dallas Co plantation.

Burwell & Nancy's 2 children:

1. William E. Fort
2. Eliza ANN Fort - who married David M. Brown.

tenants. There were a number of farmers who lived on land rented from absentee landlords. Leaving no 'paper trail', their names have been lost.

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It was early in 1835 that David Montgomery Brown came to the wilderness in Lauderdale County to settle and begin a plantation. David, born in North Carolina in 1812, was the youngest son of a family of nine children. The father, James Brown, Sr., was a veteran of the American Revolution, having fought in the Continental Line. The mother was Martha Gallman, daughter of John C. and Susan Gallman of North Carolina. The Browns were a family of means and young David received a good education.

James Brown died in 1821 and David, after collecting his share of the inheritance, saddled up his horse and set out westward to start life on his own. He settled for a while in Alabama, buying a plantation in Dallas County. [The community around his plantation later became known as Browns, Alabama. His attractive one-story white house with its well-kept grounds and its row of Cedars lining the lane, was still occupied in 1938, although it has since burned.]

In Alabama David met a charming Southern belle that quite took his fancy. She was Miss Eliza Ann Fort, the aristocratic eldest daughter of Burrell J. Fort, Sr., an established plantation owner who lived at Forts, located about eight miles from Brown's. David Brown found Miss Eliza delightful. [The community called Forts was renamed Marion Junction when the railroad came through in 1875, the name still used today.]

Burrell Jackson Fort was from an old family in America, with his being the sixth generation of descendants from Elias (I) and Phillis (Champion) Fort of the Isle of Wight, Virginia, who had married there around 1660. The succeeding generations migrated first to Chowan Co. and then to Edgecombe Co. in North Carolina. Elias Fort (III), Burrell's grandfather, was a merchant of some worth, as well as a member of the Colonial Legislature (Burgess). When revolution came Elias III enlisted in the Continental Army and served under Col. Thomas Clark, spending a winter in Clark's 1st N. C. Battalion with Gen. Washington at Valley Forge.

About 1790 the entire Fort family, married children with their spouses, slaves, possessions, crossed the Appalachians and spent that winter at Nashborough (Nashville). When spring came they hired Andrew Jackson (who later became president) to ride "shot-gun" with their caravan to protect them from Indians as they moved on to (now) Robertson County, Tennessee, to settle on several thousand acres of land that had been granted Elias Fort

III for his wartime services.

Elias Fort, Jr. (Elias IV, Burrell's father), married Catherine Prince of South Carolina in Tennessee. Burrell's mother, Catherine, was daughter of Capt. William Prince (a revolutionist) and his second wife, Ducinra Barry. [Capt. Prince's father, John, had moved from Virginia to South Carolina where he had been a member of the Provincial Congress in 1775].

Burrell Fort (b.1787) married Nancy in Montgomery Co., Tennessee. Nancy was a daughter of Samuel (IV) and Mary (Jones) Northington, descendants of another "old Virginia" family. [Samuel Northington (I) had come from England before 1691. Nancy's father was a private in the North Carolina Militia and her grandfather (Sam'l III) was in the Virginia Assembly of 1784.]

Leaving Tennessee after their marriage in 1818, Burrell and Nancy Fort migrated south to the Territory of Alabama. In 1819 the territory became a state and Cahaba, a Dallas County town still in the blueprint stage, became the new state's capital. Settler Burrell Fort of Dallas County acquired large land holdings and became an influential man, serving as a Justice of the Peace for several years.

Burrell and Nancy Fort had two children, William E. (b.1819) and Eliza Ann (b.1820). Nancy died when the children were small and Burrwell married his second wife, Charlotte Elizabeth Harrell, in 1825. Burwell bought a fine house near the time of his second marriage and the community where he lived became known as "Fort's". Burwell and Charlotte Fort had six children, all raised at Forts, and Charlotte raised Nancy Fort's two children, William and Eliza Ann, as her own. [Forts was renamed "Marion Junction" in 1875 when the railroad was built through Dallas Co., a name which it retains today. The Fort plantation house, now called the Randall house, was still standing in 1982.]

Seeking to improve his fortune, David M. Brown traveled to Mississippi to buy more land. He traveled to the Natchez area but found it "over-crowded". He had liked the new lands in eastern Mississippi better for his purposes and returned to the new Lauderdale County to make his purchase. The land he bought there was located near Drip Off spring (today's Center Hill community) and there he began his new plantation.

Sometimes hiring help, but working alone much of the time, David spent long days clearing his land, working until every muscle ached. He planted his new fields with cotton that first year, and when it was picked and sold, he set about building a log home for his future wife. He cut his own trees

and hewed them square to build his walls and hewed 12 inch wide boards of long leafed Pine for flooring. He rived out shingles for his roof. His finished home had two large square rooms with wide open fireplaces, had an open hallway between, and a veranda running the length of the two rooms and hall. The kitchen was detached from the main building, as was the custom. It was not elaborate but it was comfortable. David wanted his house to last a long time, and it did. [The house, which had later been covered with weather-boarding and ceiled on

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Meridian, MS 39301
Aug. 13, 1990

Mrs. Mary Ellen White
Route 2, Box 122
Meridian, MS 39305

Dear Mary Ellen:

I enjoyed meeting you recently and want to thank you for sharing your family history with me. You have certainly gathered a lot of interesting information and are to be congratulated on it.

I must admit that I had some trouble following the generations and keeping them straight, between the several versions I had, but I think they are fairly straight now.

A couple of things don't seem quite right. For one, on the first sheet of your "Our White Family Generations" you show John White as being born in 1819. But inasmuch as David White was born in 1780, his father had to be born a generation before him and I imagine this should have been 1719. However, that still leaves him 61 years old when David was born and while not impossible, it's certainly a little unusual.

I don't know how much of my Brown data you copied, but if you need any information on John A. Brown (Eliza Ann's husband) I'll be glad to send you what I have. Your data on that family was very sketchy.

If you are still interested in getting a copy of "A Family Called Fort" here is where I got my copy.

Mrs. Drusilla Stoval Jones, 1332 Chestnut St., Bowling Green, Ky, 42101. She and her brother, Homer T. Fort, of 9 Fairfax Ct., Midland, TX, co-authored the book and it has lots of interesting data on the Forts. Unfortunately, they did not know about David Montgomery Brown's two families, and they had only one son listed. They had thought they might publish an up date, but she told me in a letter that she was sure they would never do it.

Again, it was a pleasure meeting you and thanks for sharing. I'll be returning to Dallas the end of this week. My address there is: 7315 Lost Canyon Drive, Dallas, TX 75249.

Sincerely,

Odelle W. Brown
(Mrs.) Elmon O. Brown

P.S. Please excuse this typing. This is the best typewriter I had access to.

8549 Pine Springs Road
Meridian, Miss. 39305
Sept. 22, 1992

Dear Odelle,

At last, it is finished! My book, "The First Hundred Years of Pine Springs Community" (1835-1935) came out this month. Lauderdale County Archives, the publisher, held a reception in my honor and a crowd from Pine Springs showed up. I felt like a movie star, autographing books. Sales are going well – several have told me that it reads more like a novel. It is already in its second printing.

I want to thank you for the information you sent ~~to~~ about the Fort family. I didn't use all of it, but I at least identified who Eliza

Fort Brown was, and her brother who came to Pine Springs with his bride. He died in Pine Springs before they had children.

David M. Brown lived near, but not in the Community. I mentioned him several times in passing, but not in detail. The book was getting too long (291 pages) so I had to leave something out.

Thank you again. Next time you come this way, do come by for a visit. I still work (Volunteer) at the Archives on Thursdays - most times I am at home with my husband, who is house-bound.

The Browns and Forts are not my lines, but if there is anything you'd like me to look up in the records, let you know —

Sincerely, Mary Ellen

If you want a copy of my "Pine Springs Book" - order from the Archives:

L.C.D.A.&H., Inc
P.O. Box 5511
Meridian, Miss. 39302-5511

$20.00
1.50 mailing fee
$21.50

(Sales tax not needed as you are from out of state)

P.S. - note my new address.
We haven't moved but the County is going from Routes to house numbers.
MEW

April 14, 1999

Lauderdale County Department of
Archives & History
P. O. Box 5511
Meridian, MS 39302-5511

Dear Sir,

I ordered the 1850 Census record for Lauderdale County last week and the book states that this is the southern district of Lauderdale County. I am wondering if you could tell me if this census included the northern part of Lauderdale county. My ancestor David Montgomery Brown is not listed in this census but is listed in the 1840 and years above the 1850 census. Is there any other way to locate him and his wife Eliza any other way? I need this information for my membership in the D.A.R. I know they were in Lauderdale County at this time. They bought land and settled there. Eliza died before the 1860 Census so she is not on that census. The 1840 census does not list the wife's name so that is no help.

I would appreciate your help if you can assist me in this family search.

Sincerely,

Peggy Caraway

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Answered — Sent info April 21, 1999 M.E.W.